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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 45

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June 5, 1934., 193

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SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
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Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief
Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to the case of MARVIN LEVINSOHN, wanted in this District for passing a worthless Government Check at Hartford, Conn. on September 13, 1933, and who was arrested for a similar offense at Philadelphia, Pa., please be advised that at the time of the arrest of the above defendant at Philadelphia, Assistant U.S. Attorney GEORGE H. COHEN lodged a detainer with the authorities there and on June 1, 1934, while in Hartford, I took this matter up with him and he advised that on March 7, 1934, he had notified the U.S. Attorney CHARLES D. McAVOY at Philadelphia, that there would be no prosecution in the Connecticut District.

The file with evidence is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

James H. Reidy

JAMES H. REIDY,
Operative in Charge.

JHR:lk
Encls.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Secret-Service Division
Office of Chief JSW/ASY

Enclosing certification from War Dept., advising no such Officer named L. J. Marsden ever served as an Officer in the Regular Army, Reserve Corps or emergency forces. Also enclosing certification from Treasury Dept., that records do not indicate any person named L. J. Marsden ever had an account on the books of the Treasurer U.S.

Washington, D.C. Oct. 18, 1933.

Respectfully referred to Oper. James H. Reidy, New Haven, in connection with his report of October 9th.

W. H. Moran

Chief.

Treasury Department
Secret Service Division
OCT 19 1933
New Haven, Conn.

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By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury:

States of America

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

Treasury Department,
Secret Service Division
OCT 19 1933
New Haven, Conn.

October 16, 1933

PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 661, Chapter 17, Title 28 of the United States Code (Section 882 of the Revised Statutes of the United States), I hereby certify that the ~~annexed~~ records of the Treasury Department do not indicate that an account was ever had on the books of the Treasurer of the United States by L. J. Marsden, United States Army,

~~on file in this Department.~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Treasury Department to be affixed, on the day and year first above written.

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury:

F. A. BIRGFELD
Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.

Form 66—Revised November, 1929—TREASURY DEPARTMENT, CHIEF CLERK AND SUPERINTENDENT.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929 2—8615

OCT 19 1933
New Haven, Conn.

United States of America

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, October 14, 1933.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the records of the War Department fail to show that any person named L. J. Marsden ever served as an officer in the Regular Army, the Reserve Corps or in the emergency forces.

James F. McKinley
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, James F. McKinley, who signed the foregoing certificate, is ~~the~~ The Adjutant General, and that to his certification as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, George H. Dern, Secretary of War, have hereunto caused the seal of the War Department to be affixed and my name to be subscribed by the Acting Assistant Chief Clerk of the said Department, at the City of Washington, this fourteenth day of October, 1933.

Geo. H. Dern
Secretary of War.

By L. Frank Nye
Acting *Assistant Chief Clerk.*

WAR DEPARTMENT
Form No. 7

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

February 16, 1934

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
FEB 17 1934
Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

LEVINSOHN, Marvin

Sir:

As requested in your letter of February 15, 1934, I am returning the entire file in the Marvin Levinsohn case to you, which includes photostat copy of spurious Check No. 1720, dated September 18, 1932, for $15.00, drawn in favor of Martin Davis, by R. J. Marsden, U. S. Navy (Paymaster), cashed by Emma M. Thomas of Reading, Pa.; and copy of Check No. 1720, dated Sep. 18, 1932, for $12.00, in favor of Martin Davis, and cashed by Morris Chanoff, Manager, Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Pa. (unable to locate original or photostat copy of this check). Also enclosed find photostat copies from the Treasury and War Departments certifying that L. J. Marsden never had an account on their books; also, copy of our Form "F", dated November 9, 1933; and originals of correspondence received from other District regarding this check passer.

For your information, on February 15, 1934, I attended a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Wm. S. Wacker, Phila., Pa., relative to warrants being forwarded for the removal of Levinsohn to Trenton, N. J. This case was continued until March 23, 1934, as U. S. Judge Welsh, in sentencing Levinsohn on February 9, 1934, to three years probation, claims he took into consideration violations in other Districts, and he is going to write to the proper authorities in those Districts to see whether or not they will withdraw their warrants.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Houghton

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Operative in Charge

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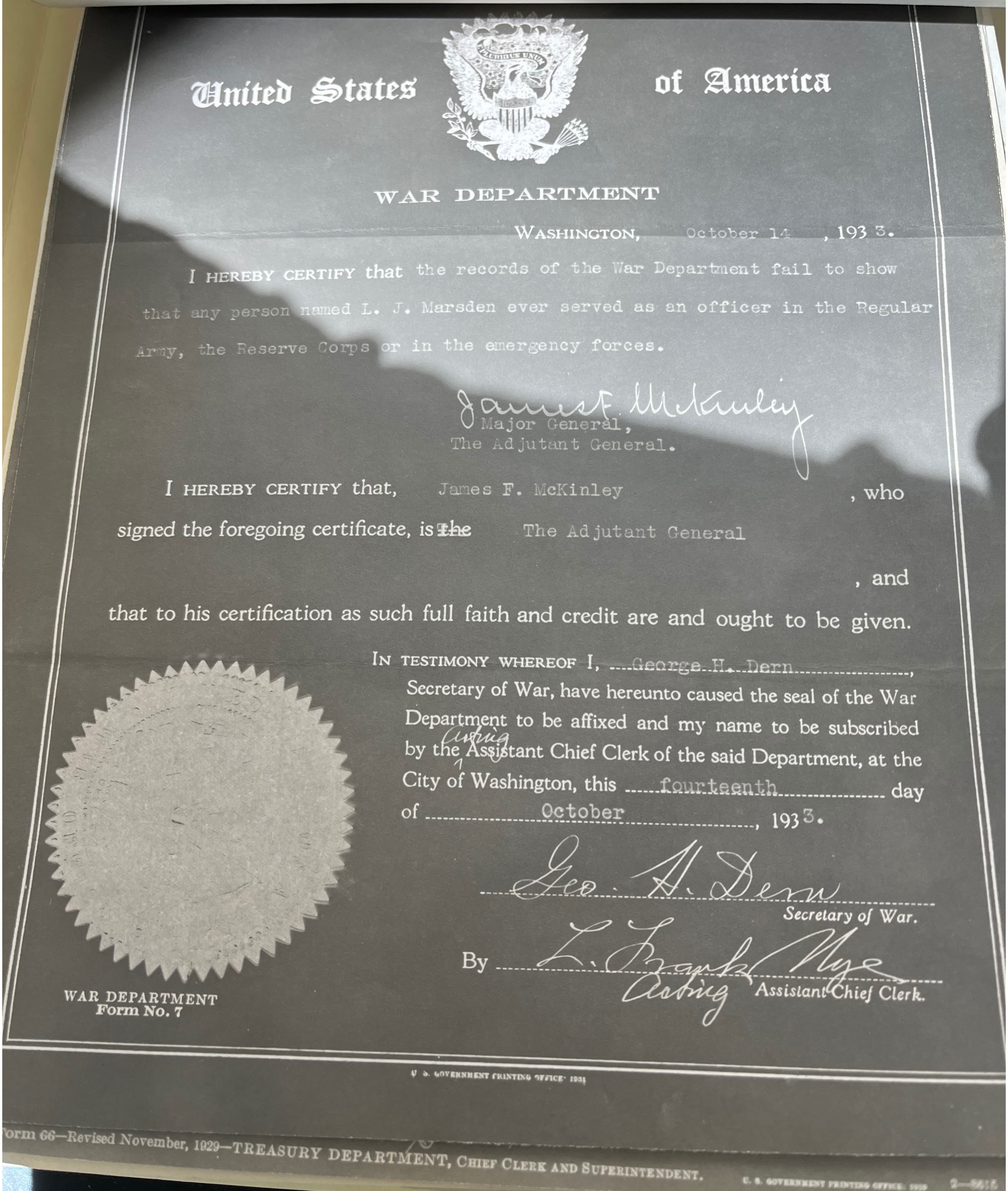

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

October 16 , 1933

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~~on-file-in-this-Department.~~

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By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury:

F. A. BIRGFELD
Chief Clerk, Treasury Departm

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1929

February 15, 1934.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

In connection with your special report dated February 9, 1934 relative to Marvin Levinsohn, passer of spurious checks, kindly return the file in the case and the spurious checks involved to this office.

Respectfully,

Chief.

ASY

SPURIOUS CHECK
Dated Wash D C Aug 31/33
Passed Rochester N Y Sept 7/33

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO

"L.J.Marsden" drawer

Marvin Levinsohn, passer

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Received in the Treasury DepartmentSeptember 12,1933 from Riggs National Bank - Wash DC
JST to JSW

Martin Davis – spurious cks.

$9. – Sept 12/33 – Passed New Bedford, Mass.
$14 – July 25/33 – " Lima, Ohio
$9 – Aug. 31/33 – " Utica, NY

Original cks in file

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
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NOV 14 1933

Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

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FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

February 9, 1934

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
FEB 10 1934
Washington D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Marvin Levinsohn, passer of spurious checks, arrested October 4, 1933, Philadelphia, Pa., on December 11, 1933, pleaded guilty to counterfeiting and passing two spurious checks in this District. At this time Judge Welsh deferred sentence.

Today, February 9, 1934, Judge Welsh sentenced Levinsohn to six months imprisonment, but sentence was then suspended and he was placed on probation for a period of three years. He was turned over to the Military Authorities, Governors Island, N. Y., as they had a warrant detainer lodged against him for violation of his parole.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the New York District, the Newark District, the Boston District, New Haven District, and Indianapolis District, for their information.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Houghton

Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in Charge

QM-095 A (Burrell, Clara V.) 1st Ind.
War Department, O.Q.M.G., December 28, 1933. - To: Chief of Finance, Washington, D.C.

Transmitted for consideration in connection with previous correspondence forwarded to you on this subject.

For The Quartermaster General:

Richard T. Ellis

RICHARD T. ELLIS,
Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

DEC 28 PM 2:00
REC'D CHIEF OF FINANCE

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War Dept., Office, Chief of Finance, December 29, 1933. To - Division of Secret Service, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C.

1. For use in connection with previous references on similar checks.

For the Chief of Finance:

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H. A. GARDYNE,
1st Lieut., Finance Department.

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT
Address: P.O. Lock Box No. 45

January 15, 1934.

Mr. William H. Houghton
Operative in Charge
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to MARVIN LEVINSOHN, who was sentenced in your District on December 11, 1933, in connection with the negotiation of spurious Government Checks, will you kindly advise us as to the length of sentence, etc., and where confined, so that this matter may be brought to the attention of the U.S. ATTORNEY in this District.

Respectfully,

James H. Reidy

JAMES H. REIDY,
Operative in Charge.

JHR:lk

U.S. SECRET SERVICE
JAN 15 1934
Philadelphia District

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE
JAN
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1934
Philadelphia District

THE HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANY

JAMES M. McKAY
PRESIDENT
OLIVER E. JONES
SECRETARY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

December 21, 1933.

Quartermaster Bank of the U. S. Army,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have your check #1017, marked ledger account #3444, and issued by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col. Finance Dept., Ration Fund for August, in the amount of $14.00. We have cashed and put it through in the regular form, and it was returned with the notation "Cannot handle. Not drawn on a Bank". Can you advise us how we can get our money for this check?

Very truly yours,

THE HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN CO.
by M. Price
Paying Teller

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x 095 Home Savings + Loan Co

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and will be prosecuted at the instance of this Service.

Respectfully,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. H. MORAN
Chief.

WHM:JTB

CC to J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

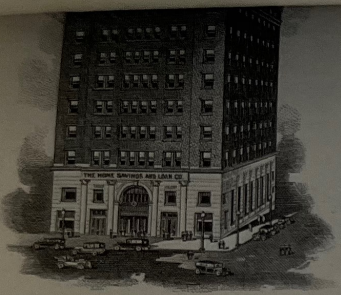
A .38 cal. Police Positive Special Colt Revolver, #411307, blue steel barrel and frame, with brown wood handle, property of the United States Government, was recently stolen at Charlotte, N.C. It is requested that you check the pawn shops in our vicinity and be on the lookout for this stolen revolver, and in the event any nformation is obtained concerning it, communicate with this office immediately.

king you for your cooperation in connection with the above matters, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in



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and will be prosecuted at the instance of this Service.

December 6, 1933.

Mr. Terrance V. Ryan,
Operative in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of circular letter, dated November 29, 1933, addressed to you and issued by Mr. R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, New Orleans, Louisiana, referring to one Theodore Davis who is wanted for issuing counterfeit checks drawn on the "Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army, Washington, D. C."

You may inform Mr. Whitley that the correct name of this man is Marvin Levinsohn, formerly arrested by this Service for the same offense several years ago, and that he was apprehended in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1933 and will be prosecuted at the instance of this Service.

Respectfully,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. H. MORAN

Chief.

WHM:JTB

CC to J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

New Orleans, La.

November 29, 1933.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

THEODORE DAVIS, who is known to have used the aliases: Sergeant Theodore Perry, Lieutenant Colonel L. J. Marsden, Edward Sloman, Elmer Sloman, Sergeant Louis Baruch, Sergeant Max Samplin, Sergeant Ben Bernard, has been operating in various parts of the country. The activities of this individual are identical in each instance. Under the representation of being a Sergeant in the Army, he presents what purports to be a check on the "Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army", which reads as follows:

"Ration Fund for August
Ledger Account #4344

No. 1017

QUARTERMASTER BANK OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

August the twentieth, 1933

Pay to the order of THEODORE DAVIS, SGT., #1017939 - - - - - $9.00
EXACTLY NINE AND NO CENTS - - - - - - -DOLLARS

(Signed) L. J. MARSDEN, Lt. Col., Finance Dept."

Regardless of the name which he might use, this individual invariably uses the serial number 1017939. Davis, under various aliases and by using the above described representation, has defrauded numerous individuals during the past several months.

The following is the description of Davis: Age 25 to 30 years; height 5'6 to 8"; weight 130 to 140 pounds; hair brown, partly bald; eyes brown; complexion tanned; thin face; cleanshaven; Jewish appearance; slender build.

In the event you obtain any information concerning this individual's activities, it will be appreciated if you will communicate with this office immediately by telephone or telegraph collect.

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Very truly yours,

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R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

SYRACUSE DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 253

November 27, 1933 , 193

SUBJECT: MARVIN LEVINSOHN, passer of spurious checks drawn on "The Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col., Finance Department, to order of Sgt. Theodore Davis.

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
NOV 28 1933
Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report concerning the above case, reference being made to letter addressed to you under date of September 13, 1933, by Assistant Treasurer M. Banister:

Check No. 1017-44, dated August 31, 1933, at Washington, D. C., in the amount of $14.00, purporting to have been drawn to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col. Finance Dept., was cashed at the Syl-Tex Shop, 422 South Salina Street, Syracuse, ladies apparel shop. I interviewed Mr. H. C. Bennett, manager, and Mrs. S. Carey, saleslady, and was informed that the check was cashed for a man who purchased lingerie. A photo of Marvin Levinsohn was shown them and both positively identified him as the passer of this check.

Check No. 1017-44, dated August 31, 1933, at Washington, D. C., in the amount of $9.00, was cashed at the Utica Catholic Book Store, 211 Bleeker Street, Utica, September 12, 1933. I interviewed A. E. Troffet, Manager, and Miss Mary Ball, clerk, and was informed that the check was put over by a man who purchased a book "Life of Father Doyle" costing $3.50. I showed them photo of Marvin Levinsohn and both positively identified him as the passer of this check.

Complaint and warrant will be secured and forwarded to the Philadelphia District to act as detainer against Levinsohn pending disposition of his case there. File is being returned herewith, except photostat copies of the check, which will be retained for information of the U. S. Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L Godby

ROBERT L. GODBY,
Operative in Charge.

RLG:AW

SYRACUSE

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November 27, 1933

SUBJECT: MARVIN LEVINSOHN, passer of spurious checks drawn on "The Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col., Finance Department, to order of Sgt. Theodore Davis.

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FIELD FORCE

DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

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Indiana DISTRICT Indianapolis, Nov. 20, 1933.

Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 514.

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ROBERT L. GODBY,
Operative in Charge.

RLG:AW

Mr. [illegible] Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Houghton:

Reference your letter of October [illegible], 1933 inclosing photograph of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Marvin Davis arrested in your District for passing spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Army.

We have secured several identifications of this man's picture from persons victimized with checks in this District and the matter will be submitted to the next term of the Federal Grand Jury here with a view to securing indictments of suspect. It will be necessary to exhibit photo of Levinsohn to witnesses in the Grand Jury room which is why I am retaining this photograph.

Please advise outcome of the case in your District, that i what sentence and place of confinement of Levinsohn so that we may place detainer in the event he is indicted in this District.

Yours very truly,

Charles Mazey

Operative in Charge.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE
NOV 22 1933
PHILADELPHIA

FIELD FORCE

DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

Indiana DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 514.

Indianapolis, Nov. 20, 1933.

Mr. Wm. H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Houghton:

Reference your letter of October 26, 1933 inclosing photograph of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis arrested in your District for passing spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Army.

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Operative in Charge.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE
NOV 22 1933
Philadelphia District

November 5 1932

LEO J WILLIAMS
POST OFFICE BLDG
NASHVILLE TENN

SPURIOUS CHECK DRAWN ON QUARTERMASTER BANK U S NAVY TO THE ORDER OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER MARTIN DAVIS SIGNED R J MARSDEN LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PAYMASTER FOR EIGHT DOLLARS PASSED AT R M MILLS BOOK STORE NASHVILLE NOVEMBER THIRD JUST RECEIVED PASSER IS MARVIN LEVINSOHN ALIAS MARTIN DAVIS HEBREW TWENTY EIGHT YEARS FIVE FEET SIX ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DARK HAIR CLEAN SHAVEN CLEAN CUT APPEARANCE FORMER SOLDIER PASSED TWO OF THESE CHECKS RECENTLY IN PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT MAILING YOU FILE AND PICTURE TONIGHT [illegible]

MORAN

TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

ACCT'G INFMN.

TIME FILED

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

OCTOBER 26 1933

HON W H MORAN

WASHINGTON D C

WARRANTS SECURED IN ALBANY, N. Y. AND NEWARK, N. J. AND FORWARDED TO PHILADELPHIA AS DETAINERS AGAINST MARVIN LEVINSOHN, SPURIOUS CHECK PASSER.

STRAIGHT

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

DAVIS. This check was picked up and identified by the victim and is now in this Office. MORRIS has obtained a complaint and warrant from Commissioner STANTON in Jersey City. A certified copy of warrant has been forwarded by the Marshal in Newark to the Marshal in Philadelphia to act as a detainer on this defendant.

Respectfully,

Alan G. Straight

ALAN G. STRAIGHT,
Principal Operative.

FHM:GWJ

U. S. SECRET SERVICE
OCT 30 1933
Philadelphia District

New York
746 Custom House DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No.

October 28, 1933.

Mr. Wm. H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With relation to the confession of MARVIN LEVINSOHN, copy of which we are returning herewith, Agent MORRIS reports that he made a thorough canvass of all book stores, typewriter stores, novelty shops and stationery stores on 125th St. from 7th Ave. to 3rd Ave., New York City, without finding a single one of these shopkeepers who had been victimized by LEVINSOHN in negotiating these bogus checks. With particular relation to the statement wherein he says he passed two checks on book stores nearby Park Ave. on 125th St., Agent MORRIS reports that there is but one single old-fashioned store in this immediate vicinity, and they did not receive one of these checks. It is possible that if LEVINSOHN is again questioned he is in error as to the street being 125th St. Should he give any further information please advise us.

Agent MORRIS further reports that ALEXANDER KLOPPE, who conducts a music store at 152 Monticello St. in Jersey City, N. J. had received one of these checks negotiated by LEVINSOHN, which was dated September 25th, in the amount of $9, made payble to Sgt. THEODORE DAVIS. This check was picked up and identified by the victim and is now in this Office. MORRIS has obtained a complaint and warrant from Commissioner STANTON in Jersey City. A certified copy of warrant has been forwarded by the Marshal in Newark to the Marshal in Philadelphia to act as a detainer on this defendant.

Respectfully,

Alan G. Straight
ALAN G. STRAIGHT,
Principal Operative.

FHM:GWJ

U. S. SECRET
OC
30
1933
Philadelphia

DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No.

746 Customhouse.

October 25, 1933.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today received a telephone call from Operative B. J. CONNOLLY, JR., from Albany, New York, where he has been investigating in connection with the check passed in that city by MARVIN LEVINSOHN, now under arrest in your District. Operative CONNOLLY states that LEVINSOHN'S photograph has been identified by JAMES G. DAWSON, proprietor of a haberdashery at 259 Central Avenue, Albany, N. Y., as that of the man who on September 7th came into the store about 5:00 P. M. and purchased shirts and sox costing $5.45, tendering the spurious check for $14.00.

Operative CONNOLLY caused a warrant and complaint for LEVINSOHN to be issued by U. S. Commissioner LESTER T. HUBBARD of Albany, who is sending a detainer to the United States Attorney at Philadelphia to be lodged against LEVINSOHN there. Further efforts are being made to locate the book stores in New York City where LEVINSOHN is believed to have passed two other checks, and you will be advised as soon as results are obtained.

Respectfully,

Alan G. Straight
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Principal Operative

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FIELD FORCE
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Indiana DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 514.

Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 1933.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Houghton:

With reference to case of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis who passed spurious checks purporting to have been issued by the Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army, Washington, D.C., please send me a photograph of this man for purpose of identifying him here and oblige

Yours respectfully,
Charles Mazey
Operative in Charge.

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NEW YORK DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No.

746 Customhouse.

October 26, 1933.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have today forwarded to Operative GILMARTIN at Newark a warrant and complaint for MARVIN LEVINSOHN, now under arrest in your District. Operative GILMARTIN will deliver these to the Marshal in Newark and arrange to have him forward them to the Marshal in Philadelphia with a certification that LEVINSOHN is not in the New Jersey jurisdiction. The warrant will then, of course, act as a detainer against this prisoner.

Respectfully,

Alan G. Straight
ALAN G. STRAIGHT
Principal Operative

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DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

October 24, 1933

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
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Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In further reference to Marvin Levinsohn, arrested October 4, 1933, for passing spurious checks, I am enclosing copy of signed statement received from him this day regarding checks he recalls passing.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Houghton

Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in Charge

Enc.

I, Marvin Levinsohn, 33 years of age, make the following statement of my own free will regarding the passing of spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, U. S. Army, having been warned of my rights, and that anything I might say, or sign, can be used as evidence against me in Court:

When I was paroled by the military authorities at Governor Island in May, 1932, I went direct to my sister's, Mrs. E. Perlberg, 1153 Buckingham Road, Palisades, N. J., home, where I remained for four months. From there I went to Portland, Maine, with my folks, where I stayed for one month. From Portland, Me., I went to California, hitch-hiking there. In Santa Barbara I worked in a State laboring camp for about five months. I left there about the end of Feb. 1933. From Santa Barbara I went to Phoenix, Arizona, where I worked at the Crestview Sanatarium as an ex-ray technician. This job lasted one month. I then returned to New York City about the middle of April, 1933, and returned to my sister's home in Palisades, N. J.

I was there about ten days and during this time I made up four spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, all for $9.00. These checks were typed on my brother-in-law's typewriter. I held these checks in my possession for a long time, as I then took a furnished room in Elizabeth, where I looked for work, but was not successful. I then went to Maine again, arriving in Portland, after July 4, 1933. I still had the four checks in my possession. Then some fellow took me in his car to Albany, N. Y.

The first check I passed in Albany, N. Y. It was in a men's clothing store. I purchased several pair of socks, costing about $1.50. This check was for $9.00, and received the change. This check was made payable to Martin Davis, an alias I used, and drawn by L. J. Marsden. I don't recall where I thought of these names. This men's clothing store is a large shop located on Madison Ave., near a park, beyond the State Capitol, about one-half mile. This store has double windows. I don't recall anything else about it.

From Albany I went to Syracuse, N. Y., where I cashed another check for $9.00. Then went to Utica where I cashed one for $9.00; then went to Rochester, N. Y., where I passed the fourth check.

Then returned to New York City where I took a room on West 19th St., New York, where I made approximately four or five more checks on a typewriter, located in a typewriter shop near Cooper Square. I got the blank checks I used to make these checks, from a bank at 23rd and 7th Ave., New York City.

I then went to Hartford, Conn., where I cashed a check. Don't know the amount. This was passed on a woman in a woman's shop. Then went to New Bedford, Mass., where I cashed one for $9.00. This was the latter part of September, 1933.

Again returned to New York City, about the end of September or the first of October, 1933, where I cashed two more of these checks, and attempted to cash another one, but was refused. I cashed the two checks in m book shops, both new looking stores, both on E. 125th St., near Park Ave., New York, on the same day. This was around the last of September or the first of October, 1933. The checks were for $9.00 each. I ordered books on music when cashing these checks, but did not take the books. The check refused, was in the same neighborhood, at a book store. From here I went to Reading, Pa., where I stayed over night, and then came to Phila., Pa., on Oct. 4, 1933, when I was arrested.

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Marvin Levinsohn

I admit cashing the check for $12.00 at the McAnn Shoe Store, 69th and Market Sts., Upper Darby, Philadelphia, during September, 1932, but do not recall cashing the check for $15.00 on Mrs. Emma Thomas in Reading, Pa., during September 18, 1932.

I did not cash any checks in Tennessee or Indiana. There must be some mistake if I am accused of cashing checks in those states.

I was taught to make up these checks by a man named Gordon. At least he told me his name was Gordon. This was about five years ago. I have not seen him since. Gordon at that time was about my age (33 years - 1933); short, about 5 feet 5 inches, thin like me, 110 pounds, dark complexion. He told me that once he was in a penitentiary in Colorado.

Before I went into the Army, in 1920 I was confined at the Bloomingdale Asylum for several months for tuberculosis treatment, and have never received any treatments for any mental conditions.

The above is the truth to the best of my ability.

Marvin Levinsohn

Marvin Levinsohn

Witnessed:

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Wm. H. Houghton

W. R. Baughman Jr

Boston DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 1324

Boston, Mass., Oct. 25th., 1933.

SECRET SERVICE
Treasury Dept.
Received
OCT 27 1933
Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

W. H. Moran, Esq.,
Chief, Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit the following special report relative to an investigation conducted by Operative James E. Fitzpatrick concerning MARVIN LEVINSOHN, alias MARTIN DAVIS, supplemental to report dated Oct. 4th. 1933 in connection with same matter.

"In connection to the above, I proceeded to Fall River, Mass. and exhibited photograph of Levinsohn to MISS CLARA V. BURRELL, victim of $15 check on September 20th. 1933 and she positively identified photograph of Levinsohn as the man who successfully negotiated check on her.

I also proceeded to New Bedford, Mass., and called at the MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, where a similar check was offered for deposit on Sept. 25th. 1933 and learned that said check was presented for deposit by THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM, at which place I called and interviewed MRS. SARAH T. HAMLEN, Secretary and she stated that on or about Sept. 24th. 1933 a stranger called at the Reading Room and purchased the Progress Edition of Science & Health, with autumn brown cover, and presented a check purporting to be issued by the QUARTERMASTER BANK OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, Washington, D.C. No. 10p1017, dated Sept. 12th. 1933, payable to SGT. THEODORE DAVIS, #1017939 to the amount of $9, drawn by L. J. MARSDEN, Lt. Col. Finance Dept., U.S.A. Ration Fund for September, Ledger Acc't. #4344-44, the price of the book being $5, Mrs. Hamlen handed the stranger $4 in change. She described the stranger as being an American, 28-30 years, 5'6", slender build; 135 lbs., blue eyes, thin hair, wearing gray knickers and a green slip on sweater with white dots in it. I exhibited photograph of Levinsohn to her and she stated that she could not identify same and further added that she believed that she could not identify the stranger should she be confronted with him.

The handwriting on back of check passed on Mrs. Hamlen is identical with that appearing on check passed on Miss Burrell at Fall River, Mass.

The above facts were submitted today to Assistant U. S. Attorney Bagnullo at Boston, Mass., who stated that in view of the fact that Levinsohn is detained in the Philadelphia District, and as it would be some time before he was released for the offenses committed in that District, he did not want to clog his department with indictments, and suggested that the above be presented to the U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia and that he request the Court there to take into consideration the offenses committed in this District in sentenceing

Levinsohn as he believed that the ends of justice would be well taken care of, however, he further added that should the sentence be not sufficient to again communicate with him and that he would present the facts to the Grand Jury."

In view of the above, I am returning herewith, the complete file and am attaching an extra copy of this report for the information of our Philadelphia Office.

Respectfully submitted,

John J McGrath

Operative in Temporary Charge.

October 28, 1933.

Referred to Oper. Wm.H. Houghton, Phila., for his information and file.

Chief.

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

SYRACUSE DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 253

October 9, 1933

Mr. Wm. H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of copy of your letter to the Chief under date of October 6 concerning the arrest of Marvin Levinsohn, check passer. Will you please forward a photograph of this man for identification as the passer of several spurious checks in this District.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Godby

ROBERT L. GODBY,
Operative in Charge.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 1522

October 5, 1933.

Mr. William H. Houghton
Operative in Charge
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With reference to MARVIN LEVINSOHN arrested in your District, please be advised that upon taking the matter of removal to this District up with Assistant U.S. Attorney MR. GEORGE H. COHEN at Hartford, he suggested that before proceedings be begun that we ascertain definitely whether or not LEVINSOHN admits the negotiation of the Check at Hartford and whether he will fight extradition to the CONNECTICUT DISTRICT.

Kindly advise at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

James H. Reidy

JAMES H. REIDY,
Operative in Charge.

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Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Treasury Department.

SECRET SERVICE. DIVISION
Treasury Department
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Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

Sir:

Supplementing office letter dated August 19, 1933, forwarding photostat copies of fictitious vouchers No. 1017, dated July 25, and August 1, 1933, respectively, for $14.00 each, drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, to the order of Sgt. Martin Samplin and Sgt. Theodore Davis, there are transmitted herewith for investigation photostat copies of voucher No. 1017-44, dated August 31, 1933, for $9.00, also purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis.

Voucher No. 1017-44 was forwarded to this office by collection letter dated August 12 from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The item is indorsed as follows:

1. Sgt. Theodore Davis, #1017939. (ink)
2. Pay to the order of Citizens Trust
   Company of Utica, N. Y.,
   Utica Catholic Book Store.
3. First Citizens Bank & Trust Company,
   Utica, N. Y. 9-11-33.
4. Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 9-12-33.

Respectfully,

Marion Banister

Assistant Treasurer.

Attachments.

September 12, 1933.

Mr. Edward J. McHugh,
Operative, Secret Service Div.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a spurious check for $14.00 signed L. J. Marsden, to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis, passed in Rochester recently. This same man, Marvin Levinson, alias Martin Davis, passed similar checks several years ago. He recently passed some in Indianapolis and Cleveland. When arrested by this Service for the previous passings he was turned over to the Military authorities and was given a long sentence, but released without much confinement. He is said to be of unsound mind. He may be working his way back to New York City. Photostatic copy of the check, photograph of the passer and copy of a report dated January 28, 1928, as well as copy of a telegram dated November 5, 1932, which gives a description of the passer, are enclosed. Photostatic copy of the check is also being forwarded to New York for appropriate attention, including contact with the Military authorities or the passer's family.

Respectfully,

W. H. Moran

Chief.

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NEW YORK January 28th,

746 Customhouse.

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OFFICE OF CHIEF
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Bogus checks drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, negotiated by one MARVIN LEVINSOHN, now a deserter from Company A, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report relative to the above subject, made by Agent MORRIS of this District; subject of your letter to Operative HOUGHTON, Philadelphia District, dated December 13th, 1928, and of special report of Operative ARNOLD, Philadelphia, dated December 14th, 1928:

"In connection with this investigation I called at FORT JAY, Governor's Island, New York, and interviewed Sergeant WAGNER and First Sergeant SCHAEFFER, Company A, 16th Infantry, both of whom stated that one MARTIN DAVIS enlisted February 6th, 1928, at Fort BRIDE, North Carolina. He deserted February 23rd, 1928, while enroute to another station to which he had been ordered to report. On August 15th, 1928, he voluntarily surrendered to the authorities at FORT JAY, Governor's Island, with the explanation that due to sickness in his family he did not think his desertion was a breach of Army regulations, as up to that time he had not seen official service. Through some influence the Commanding Officer released him from the Detention Barracks at FORT JAY and restored him to Company A in good standing. Early in December, 1928, DAVIS took leave from the fort without permission, and was marked A. W. O. L. until January 1st, 1929, at which time he was adjudged a deserter and entered on the books accordingly.

From various interviews with several soldiers of this company, I learned that DAVIS'S reputation was very bad among the men, as during his last few days in this company he had borrowed money, clothing and other articles from various soldiers, which had not been returned. I interviewed one RICHARD O'CONNOR, who was considered a close friend of DAVIS, and whose address was listed as 426 East 56th Street, New York City. Upon investigation this proved to be the PETER DOELGER BREWERY, and O'CONNOR was not known there. O'CONNOR at that time was on furlough, and could not be located. Shortly after the beginning of 1929, I interviewed O'CONNOR at FORT JAY, and he informed me that his correct address was 426 West 56th Street; that he knew DAVIS fairly well, and that DAVIS'S correct name is MARVIN LEVINSOHN. He stated that LEVINSOHN had enlisted under the name of DAVIS because he did not want his family to know he was in the Army. O'CONNOR had no knowledge of LEVINSOHN'S present whereabouts but stated that LEVINSOHN had borrowed some money from him, and that he, O'CONNOR, was therefore also anxious to locate him. O'CONNOR then gave me the address of one JULIA WALKER, 390 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., with the information that LEVINSOHN had been going with this girl, who might be able to give me some information as to his present addresss

I proceeded to 390 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., and interviewed MRS. WALKER and her daughter, JULIA. The latter stated that she had met DAVIS some time in October, through another girl friend who has since disappeared and whose address is now unknown, and that JULIA'S mother, MRS. WALKER, had refused to permit her to associate with any soldiers. The WALKERS further stated that a nearby drug store had received a bogus chedk from LEVINSOHN, under which name he was also known to the WALKERS.

At 394 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, I interviewed MR. LOUIS SCHULTZ, who stated that on Christmas morning, 1928, about 11:00 a. m., a soldier entered his drug store, called SCHULTZ by name, and stated that he was to have dinner at the WALKER home and wished to purchase a box of candy as a Christmas present for MRS. WALKER. He also stated that he was keeping company with JULIA WALKER. He then offered MR. SCHULTZ a check drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, Fort Jay, New York, No. 6056, dated December 4th, 1928, payable to MARVIN LEVINSOHN, for $10.00, signed by L. J. LORBER, Major, Finance Department, U. S. A., endorsed by MARVIN LEVINSOHN. SCHULTZ could not recall whether LEVINSOHN had endorsed this check in his presence or not. SCHULTZ further stated to LEVINSOHN that he did not sell candy, and LEVINSOHN requested that he cash this check anyway, as he needed funds and wished to buy candy at another store. SCHULTZ then gave LEVINSOHN $10.00 for the check, and he departed. SCHULTZ deposited this check in the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, who later returned it to him uncollected, giving no reason. SCHULTZ described LEVINSOHN as being 5' 10" tall, slender build, 155 lbs., clean shaven, black hair, sharp nose, Jewish, the latter reason being one cause why he did not hesitate to cash the check, SCHULTZ being Jewish also. SCHULTZ further stated that LEVINSOHN wore a U. S. Army uniform bearing a large figure '1' in red on the shoulder of his Army overcoat, but could furnish no further information relative to this suspect.

Several days later I received a telephone call from Sergeant SCHAEFFER, FORT JAY, requesting me to call there in connection with this case, which I did. Sergeant SCHAEFFER turned over to me two postal cards, one addressed to MISS MAY NICHOLS, and one to HELEN NICHOLS, 146 Alley Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, signed 'CONNIE', also a letter addressed to Private WILLIAM B. McGOLDRICK, Company A, 16th Infantry, a member of this Company. These postal cards had been found in a pocket of one of LEVINSOHN'S old uniforms, and Sergeant SCHAEFFER thought they might be of some use to this Service.

Upon receipt of this information and the cards, they were forwarded to Agent BARKER, Boston District, for investigation, the results of which are incorporated in his special report dated January 14th, 1929, copy of which is attached hereto, as a regular part of this file.

Private WILLIAM McGOLDRICK turned over to Sergeant SCHAEFFER a letter which had been received from his father, who lives in Norristown, Pennsylvania, containing information to the effect that LEVINSOHN had visited the senior McGOLDRICK for a day, and made himself known to the latter as a fellow-soldier of his son, requesting that MR. McGOLDRICK cash a check for him, which he did. This check is described in detail in Operative ARNOLD'S special report of December 14th, 1928, referred to above. Private McGOLDRICK could not give me any information as to the present whereabouts of suspect LEVINSOHN.

Sergeant WAGNER at Fort Jay also turned over to me a communication received from T. D. L. SHORE, 246 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, wherein MR. SHORE writes to First Lieutenant PHILIP H. KRON, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, and describes one MORRIS VINMAN as being a soldier who passed a bogus check on him in the amount of $9.60, dated December 14th, 1928, made payable to MORRIS VINMAN. MR. SHORE describes VINMAN as being a soldier in uniform which bore the insignia of the 16th Infantry; tall, brown eyes and hair, about 29 years of age. This, no doubt, was LEVINSOHN and appears to be his work.

Upon interviewing other soldiers at the camp of Company A, I learned from one CORPORAL SWOPE that LEVINSOHN was acquainted with a girl somewhere on 22nd Street, New York City, which coincides with the special report of Operative BARKER dated January 14th, furnishing the address of one VIRGINIA WHITE, correct name VIRGINIA BARLOW, as 153 West 22nd Street, New York City.

I called at 153 West 22nd Street and found this to be a rooming house conducted by a MRS. AUBREY, who stated that she had not known MISS BARLOW any length of time; that MISS BARLOW was rooming with another girl named MRS. HAND, and that MR. HAND, the latter's husband, formerly roomed with them but had left a week before my call and was not expected to return. MRS. AUBREY at first refused to give me any information until I made known my identity. Then she promised to assist in this investigation in any possible way. I requested that she make tracings of all mail received by MISS BARLOW and forward same to this office. MRS. AUBREY stated that she distributed all mail for her roomers, but to the best of her knowledge, MISS BARLOW had only received one or two letters in the three or four weeks she had roomed there. At this writing no tracings have been received from MRS. AUBREY.

I then interviewed MISS VIRGINIA BARLOW, who is apparently a friend of all the soldiers, and who stated that she knew LEVINSOHN by the name of 'DOC' DAVIS and understood him to be an X-Ray man from the hospital at FORT JAY. She further stated that through her LEVINSOHN, alias DAVIS, met her girl friend and roomer, MRS. HAND, and that LEVINSOHN had immediately borrowed an expensive suitcase from MR. HAND, promising to return it the following day. After borrowing this suitcase, they have not heard from or seen him again. MISS BARLOW promised to notify this office as soon as she learned the whereabouts of LEVINSOHN.

Through Private O'CONNOR at Fort Jay I learned that LEVINSOHN had lived somewhere on Washington Heights, New York City, and that he, O'CONNOR, had been with LEVINSOHN on a visit to his home there for about ten minutes. O'CONNOR stated, however, that he could not recall the exact address, but that the house was a large apartment dwelling with hall service, and with large pillars in front of the door. I proceeded to canvass various streets on Washington Heights, making inquiries at several apartment houses, and finally located at the JOAN OF ARC APARTMENTS, 12 Pinehurst Avenue, a family named LEVINSOHN. Upon making inquiries from the superintendent of the BUILDING, MR. SMITH, and the hall boy, one WILLIAMS, I learned that a soldier answering the description of suspect had visited this house on various occasions, and the hall boy also stated that this soldier belonged at FORT JAY, but had not been seen since around Thanksgiving. I arranged with the superintendent and hall boy that in the event the soldier called again, they were to notify the nearest policeman or this office and cause his arrest.

I then interviewed MRS. LEVINSOHN, suspect's mother, who stated that her husband was critically ill, and that if I was calling for the purpose of arresting her son MARVIN, who had deserted from the U. S. Army, she would be pleased to assist me. This latter statement from her was not prompted by any question from me, nor at this time did she know my identity. She stated that she presumed I was an officer. MRS. LEVINSOHN further stated that her reason for being anxious to have her son arrested was that she might then know where he was, and that he would be out of trouble, as the family has had trouble with him for more than ten years. He has been known to steal from relatives, from friends and to take advantage of them through various check and credit ruses. She attributes her husband's illness entirely to the doings of their son MARVIN, and further stated that they have made good so many losses for him that they are through reimbursing anyone in the future. MRS. LEVINSOHN is anxious to supply us with information, which I presume she will do as soon as she is in communication with her son. She also volunteered the information that her daughter, MRS. JEANNE APPLETON, who lives with her, conducted a dress shop at 564 Madison Avenue, New York City, and suggested that I call on her in order that she might be aware of the fact that the Government wished to apprehend MARVIN.

I interviewed MRS. APPLETON, who is LEVINSOHN'S sister, and who stated that she was very bitter towards MARVIN, and that some time ago he had stolen some money from her. She further stated that she would not be surprised if she should at any time receive word from him requesting a loan, in which event she promised to communicate with this Office.

I also made arrangements with the WASHINGTON BRIDGE POST OFFICE STATION, 182nd Street, which serves the LEVINSOHN address with mail, to cover and make tracings of all communications addressed to them. To date no tracings have been received.

Pursuant to another telephone call from First Sergeant SCHAEFFER, Fort Jay, I went there and interviewed him and Captain NEALON, of Company A. The latter stated that a small blonde girl answering the description and name of VIRGINIA BARLOW had attended a dance at the Fort on January 15th, 1929, and had evidently tried in every conceivable manner to obtain information as to the whereabouts of LEVINSOHN, alias DAVIS, through other soldiers in the Company. CAPTAIN NEALON at this time did not know I had already been in touch with MISS BARLOW, who communicated with me by telephone to tell me she hoped to learn something about LEVINSOHN but had so far been unsuccessful in finding his present whereabouts.

On January 28th, 1929, I received another telephone call from Sergeant SCHAEFFER requesting that I call on him at the Fort as soon as possible, which I did, interviewing him and First Sergeant CORNFORTH, representing Captain LEO J. McCARTHY, of Headquarters Detachment, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay. Sergeant CORNFORTH thereupon displayed a letter from the COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP, 614 Spruce Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, stating that they had received a bogus check for $9.00 drawn in favor of First Class Private ARTHUR GORDON, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, and that subject check had been cashed after Private GORDON made a small purchase, receiving his change in cash. The COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP's letter, written by J. BENNETT, states that subject check was signed by L. J. McCARTHY in red ink, endorsed by ARTHUR GORDON, 16th Infantry, Company A. This likewise appears to be LEVINSOHN and his methods. Sergeant CORNFORTH also displayed a letter from the CITIZENS BANK of Binghamton, New York, addressed to Captain L. J. McCARTHY, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, stating that they had cashed a check for a soldier named RALPH GORDON for $20.00, signed by Captain McCARTHY, endorsed by RALPH GORDO which had been returned from the SEABOARD NATIONAL BANK as not having proper ignatures. In the letter of the CITIZENS BANK of Binghamton they also equest a new check for $21.50 to cover protest fees. This is also apparent he work of LEVINSOHN.

Sergeant CORNFORTH also turned over to me a letter from the GREYHOUND LINES, INC., 2129 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, reading as follows:

"Capt. L. J. McCarthy,
16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York.

Dear Sir: - - Inclosed you will find a check made out on the Quartermaster's Bank, bearing your signature.

A man in uniform stating his name was IRVING KAUFMAN came into our bus station and asked our agent to cash this check for him and furnish him with a ticket for Chicago. Our agent, trusing this man's honesty, gave him a ticket and the balance in cash for this check.

Now our bank advises us that there is no Quartermaster's Bank, and they cannot collect on this check. I was wondering if you have some kind of a fund at your camp that covers these checks. Kindly advise me whether this check is O. K., and if so you will favor me by returning same with a check that can be cashed at any bank.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future, I remain - Respectfully yours -

(Signed) L. F. YERMAN
GREYHOUND LINES, INC."

Inasmuch as LEVINSOHN is evidently in Chicago at this time, a copy of this report, together with the complete file in this case, is being forwarded to the Chicago District with the request that LEVINSOHN be apprehended on sight if possible. LEVINSOHN should be easily distinguished as he is wearing a regulation U. S. Army uniform with the insignia of the 16th Infantry on his coat lapels and a large figure '1' in red on the shoulder of his overcoat, denoting First Division. At the Commandant's Office at Fort Jay it was stated that outside of New York, and at present, there are no men from the First Division on leave."

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Palma.

JOSEPH A. PALMA
Principal Operative

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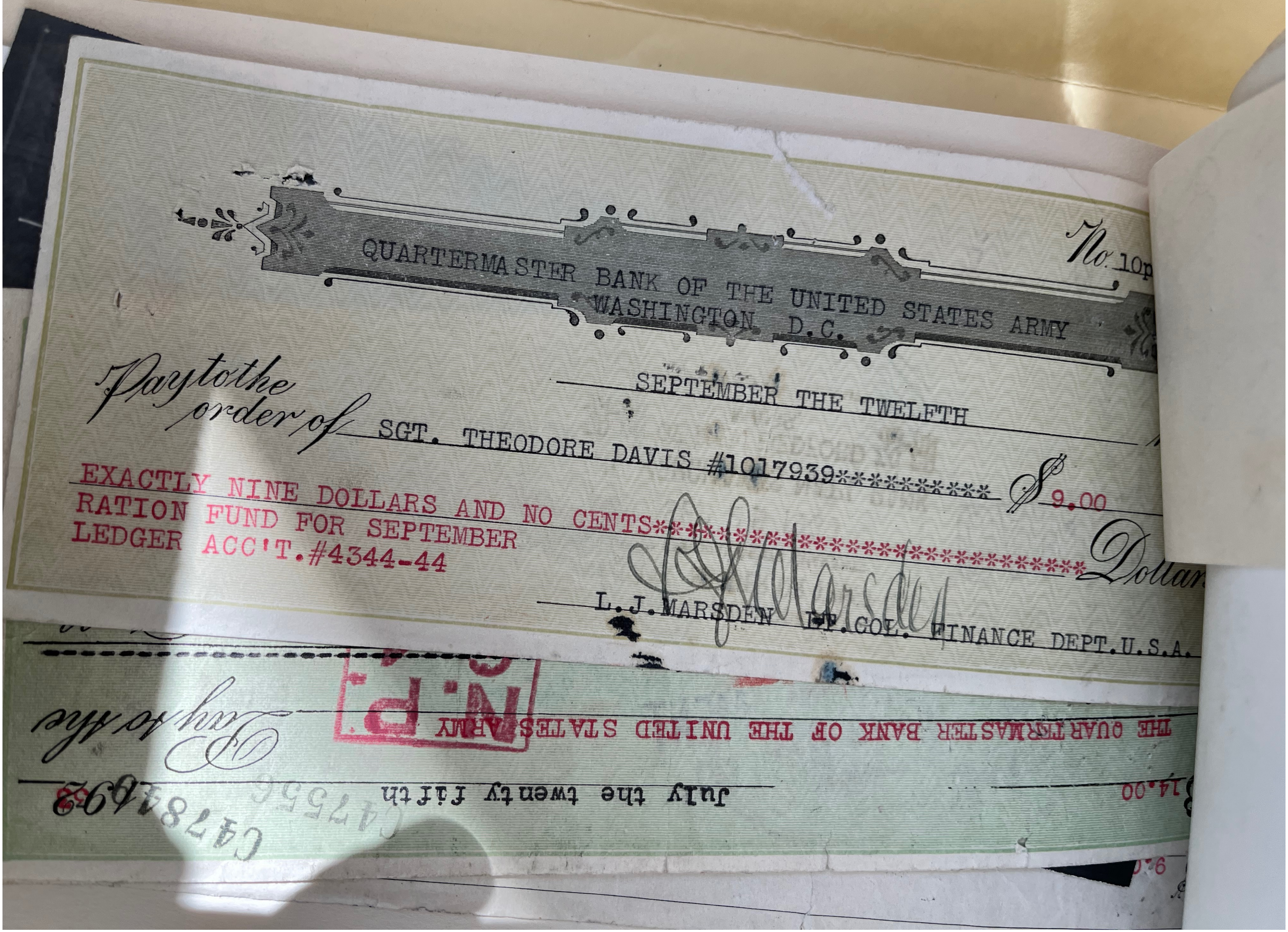

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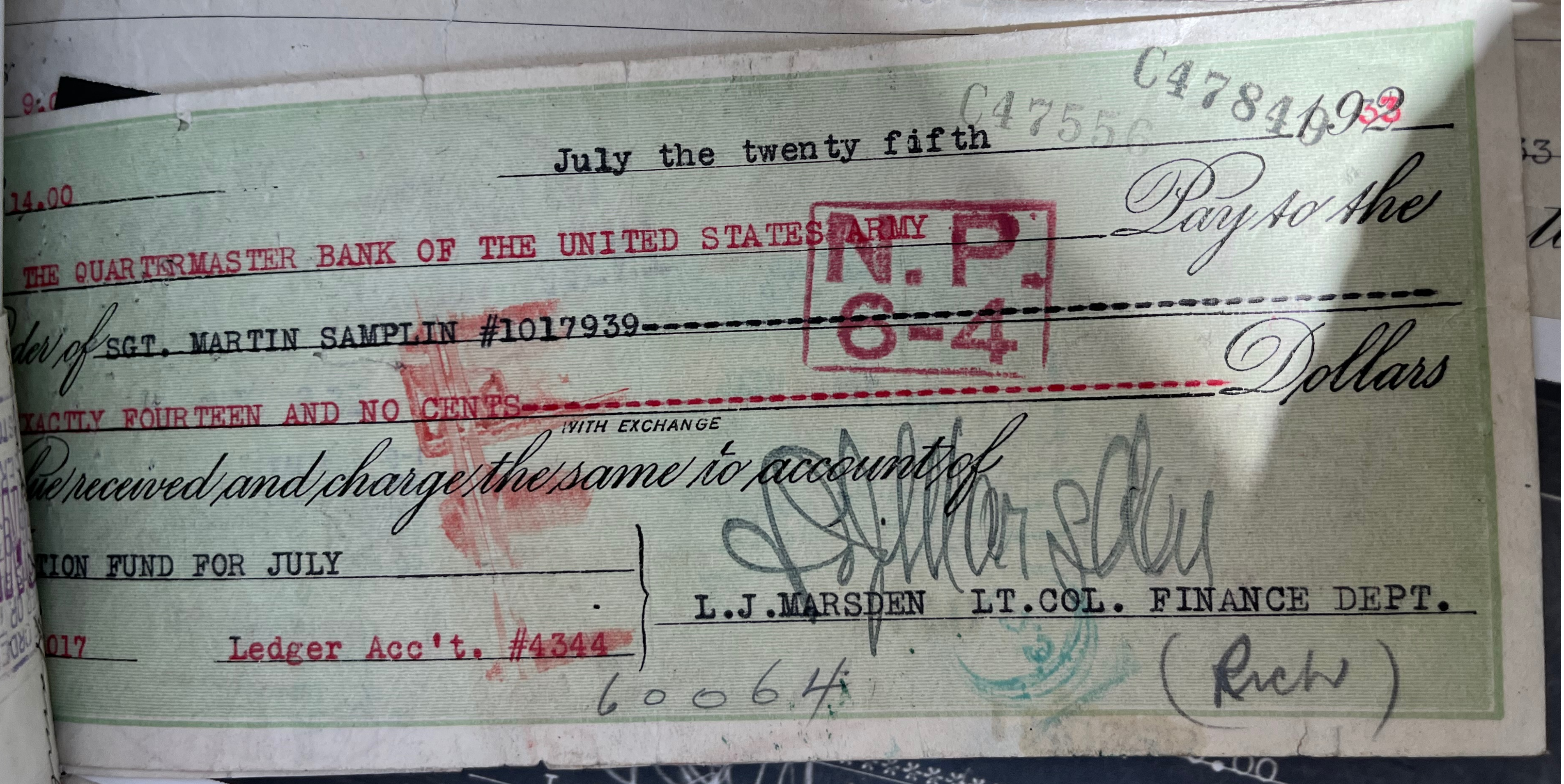

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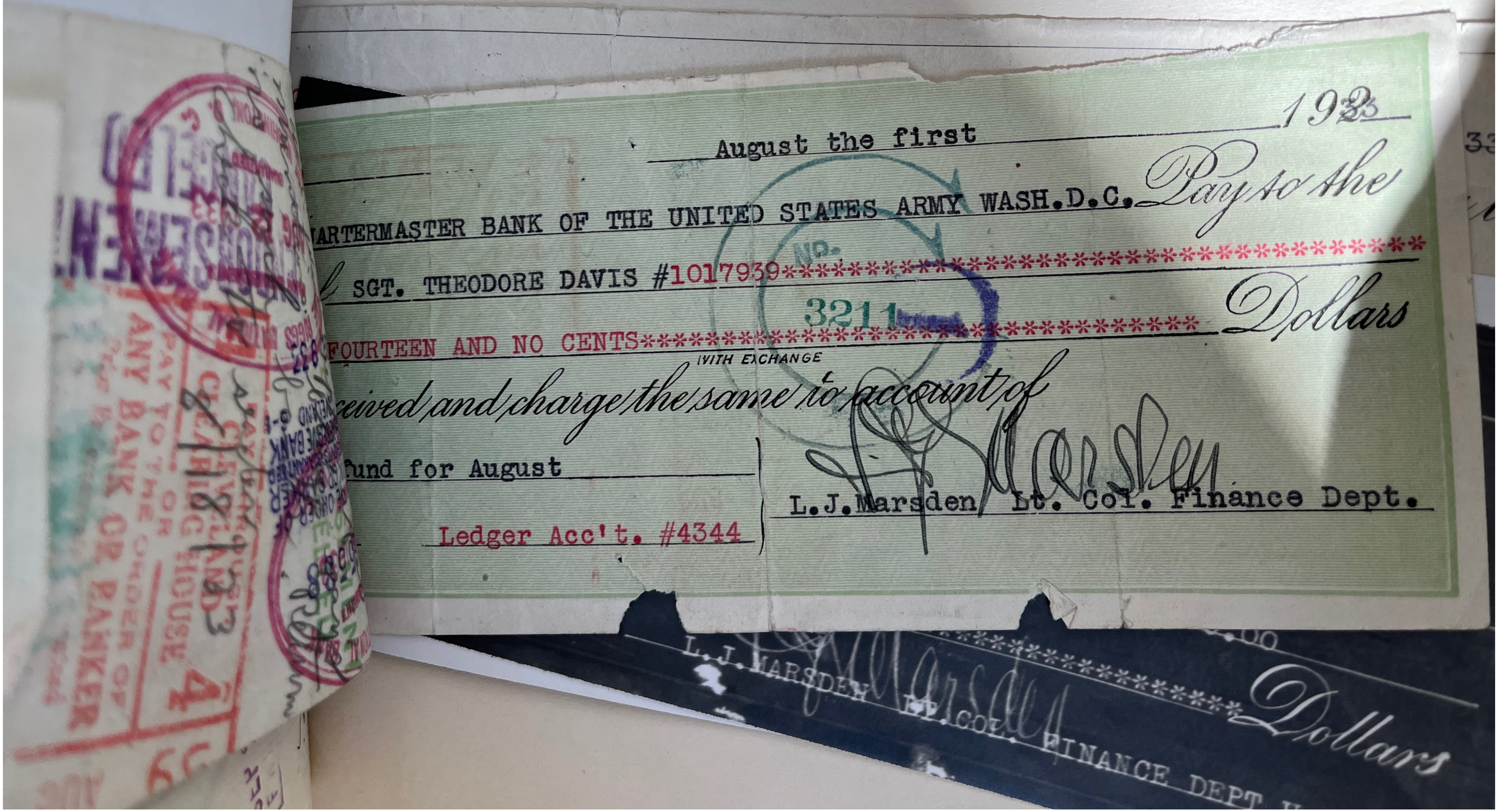

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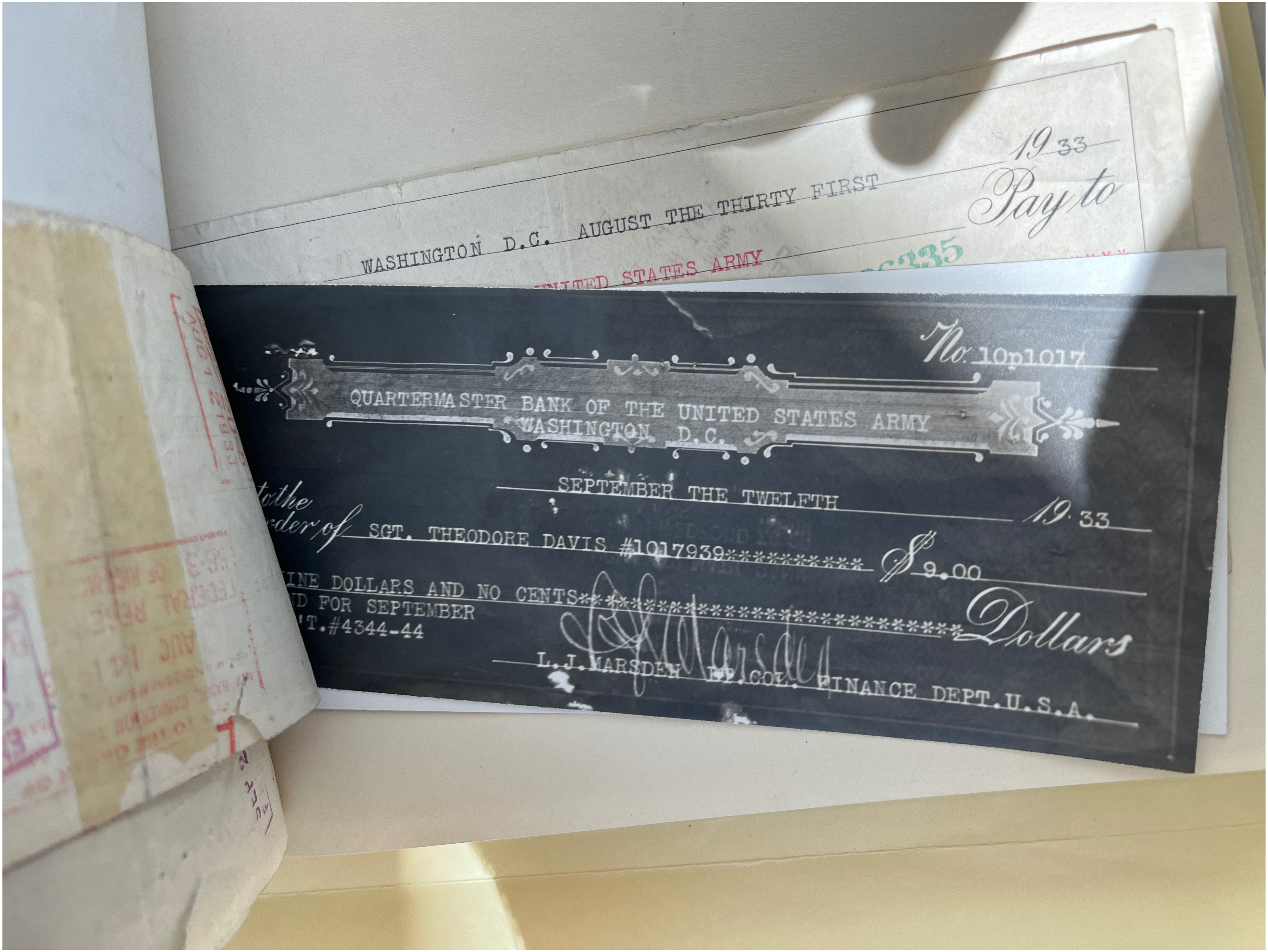

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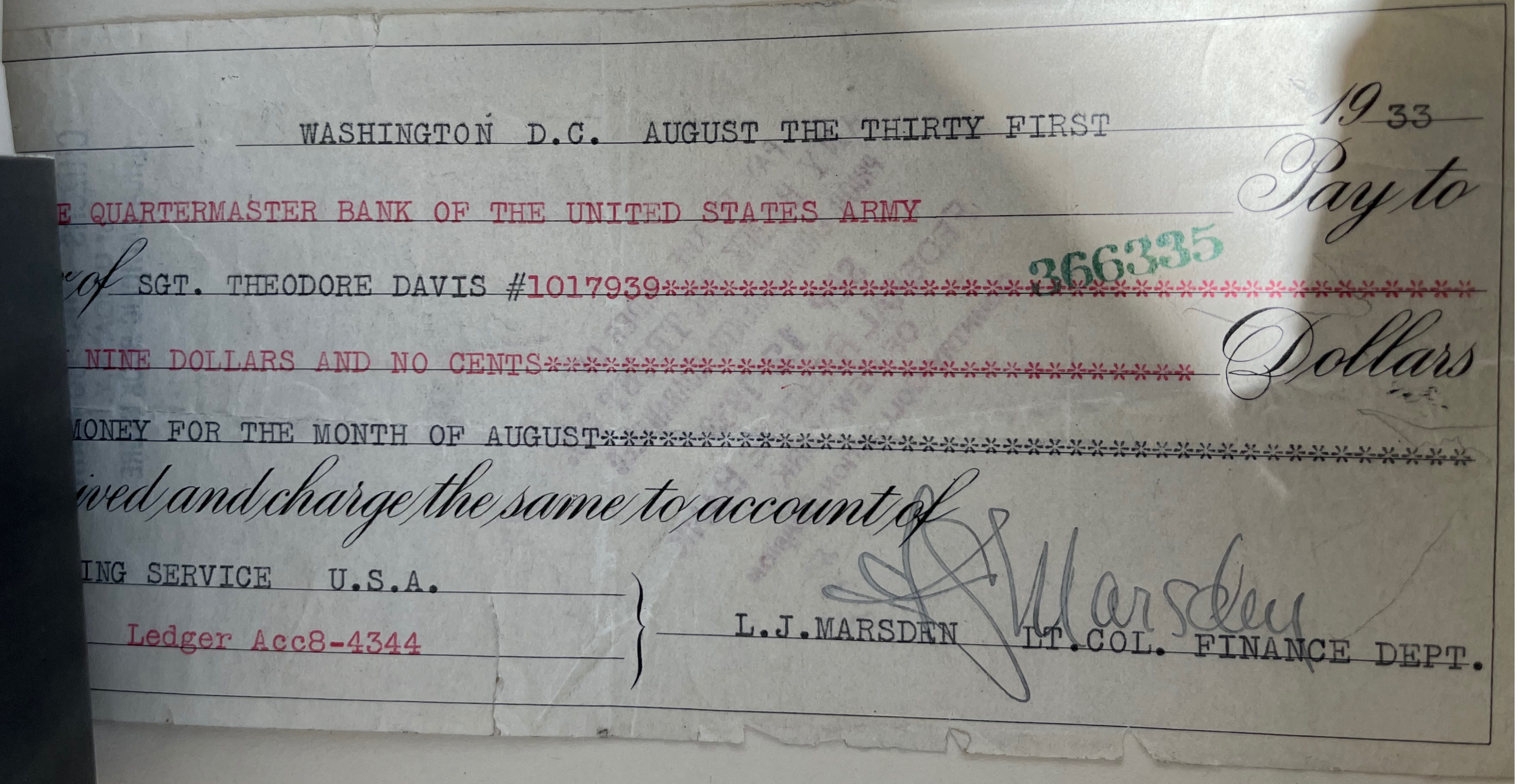

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Enclosing memorandum dated October 19, 1933, to this office, signed H. A. Cardyne, 1st Lieut., Finance Department, War Department, Wash., D. C., relative to and enclosing an original letter dated October 14, 1933, signed Alexander Kloppe, 152 Monticello Ave., Jersey City, N.J., in connection with a check to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis, #1017939, for $9.00,

Oct. 21, 1933.

referred to Opr. Alan G. Straight, N.Y.C., for proper action.

Chief.

(Copy above reference to Opr. Houghton and H. A. Gardyne, 1st Lt., Finance Dept., War Dept., Wash., D.C.)

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War Department, Office Chief of Finance, Washington, D. C., October 19, 1933. To: Division of Secret Service, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

1. For use in connection with previous references on similar checks.

For the Chief of Finance.

H. A. GARDYNE
1st Lieut., Finance Department

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Chief.

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FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

Philadelphia DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

October 23, 1933.

C O P Y

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
OCT 21 1933

Mr. W. H. Moran,
Chief, Secret Service Div.,
Wash., D. C.

Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1933, enclosing photostatic copy of certification from the War Department that no such officer named L. J. Marsden ever served as an officer in the Army, Reserves or Emergency forces; also, certification from the Treasury Department that no such person named L. J. Marsden ever had an account on the books of the Treasurer of the U.S.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge.

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PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

October 20, 1933

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
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Oct. 19, 1933.

referred to Oper. Wm. H. Houghton, Phila., for his information and file. If original certifications are needed for court purposes write to New Haven for them, substituting photostats herewith. Advise this office as to prospects of prosecution of this man in Phila., taking into consideration offenses in other districts. It would appear this man is in need of care and treatment.

Chief.

United States of America

WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, October 14 , 1933.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the records of the War Department fail to show that any person named L. J. Marsden ever served as an officer in the Regular Army, the Reserve Corps or in the emergency forces.

James F. McKinley
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, James F. McKinley , who signed the foregoing certificate, is ~~the~~ The Adjutant General , and that to his certification as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I, George H. Dern, Secretary of War, have hereunto caused the seal of the War Department to be affixed and my name to be subscribed by the Acting Assistant Chief Clerk of the said Department, at the City of Washington, this fourteenth day of October , 1933.

Geo. H. Dern
Secretary of War.

By L. Frank Nye
Acting *Assistant Chief Clerk.*

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Form No. 7

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

October 16 , 1933

PURSUANT to the provisions of Section 661, Chapter 17, Title 28 of the United States Code (Section 882 of the Revised Statutes of the United States), I hereby certify that the ~~annexed~~ records of the Treasury Department do not indicate that an account was ever had on the books of the Treasurer of the United States by L. J. Marsden, United States Army,

~~on-file-in-this-Department.~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my han
and caused the seal of the Treasury Department to
affixed, on the day and year first above written.

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury:

F. A. BIRGFELD

Chief Clerk, Treasury Departme

Form 66—Revised November, 1929—TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Chief Clerk and Superintendent.

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Oct. 18, 1933.

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Chief.

October 18, 1933.

Referred to Oper. Wm. H. Houghton, Phila., for his information and file.

Chief.

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October 9, 1933.

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief
Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please advise this Office whether or not there is a Lieutenant Colonel L. J. MARSDEN in the Finance Department of the United States Army who is authorized to sign Army Checks. This is in connection with the MARVIN LEVINSOHN case.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. REIDY

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JAMES H. REIDY,
Operative in Charge.

Martin

Davis,

Enclosing letter dated Oct. 3, 1933, signed L. A. Potter, Asst. Cashier, The Merchants National Bank, New Bedford, Mass., relative to spurious check payable to Sgt. Theodore Davis, together with copy of a memorandum signed Jas. H. Laubach, Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., Assistant. Also enclosing photostatic copy of check No. 10p1017, dated Sept. 12, 1933, for $9.00, Sgt. Theodore Davis, payee.

ASY

Oct. 11, 1933.

referred to Operative Harry L. Barker, Boston, for acknowledgment.

Chief.

(Copy above reference to Phila.)

Enclosing copy of reference from this office to Operative Harry L. Barker, Secret Service Div., Boston, Mass., dated October 11, 1933, relative to spurious check payable to Sgt. Theodore Davis.

ASY

Oct. 11, 1933.

referred James H. Laubach, Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., Assistant, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Chief.

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Enclosing copy of reference dated October 7, 1933, forwarded by this office to Operative Harry L. Barker, Boston, Mass., relative to Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, who was arrested at Philadelphia, Penna., October 5th.

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SECRET SERVICE DIVISION,
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OCT 6 - 1933
OFFICE OF CHIEF.

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Chief of Finance, Washington, D.C.

For such action as may be considered appropriate.

2. The writer has not been advised of the reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

Jas. B. Laubach

JAS. B. LAUBACH, Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C., Assistant.

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SECRET SERVICE DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT
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WASHINGTON DISTRICT

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Mr. John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, mentioned in Bulletin No. 190, page 1, pp 2, was arrested in Philadelphia, Pa., last night by the local police on a tip received from a relative of his that he was wanted in New York City for forgery. Today he was held under $2500 bail for a further hearing on October 9, 1933. Levinsohn admits cashing several counterfeit checks, including three in New York recently, drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, U. S. Navy, but cannot at this time give detail information as to just where these checks were cashed.

One of Levinsohn's checks, drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, U. S. Navy, in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis for the sum of $12.00, was cashed during September, 1932, by Morris Chanoff, Manager, Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Philadelphia, Pa.

This particular check was received by us on October 10, 1932, from you for investigation and our daily report for October 15, 1932, shows that we submitted a report to you regarding the passer of this check on Chanoff. You forwarded a photograph of Levinsohn on October 19, 1932, and he was accordingly identified by Chanoff as the passer of this check. We have made a thorough search of our files, but cannot find this report of Oct. 15, 1932; neither can we find the check cashed by Chanoff. We are of the opinion this check was returned to you, but, of course, this cannot be verified. Will you kindly cause a search to be made for same. We would also appreciate a rough copy of my report for October 15, 1933.

Under date of October 26, 1932, we wrote to you, returning the photograph of Levinsohn, and advising that Mrs. Emma M. Thomas, 107 S. 4th St., Reading, Pa. had also identified the photograph of Levinsohn as the passer of a spurious Navy check, drawn in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis, for $15.00, on her. We do not recall having this check, or a copy of same in our possession.

We would appreciate any information you might have in reference to the above.

copy to file

Respectfully,

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QM-201 A (Davis, Theodore, Sgt.) 1st Ind.
War Department, OQMG, October 5, 1933. - To: Chief of Finance, Washington,

1. For such action as may be considered appropriate.

2. The writer has not been advised of this reference.

For The Quartermaster General:

Jas. H. Laubach
JAS. H. LAUBACH,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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RECD. CHIEF OF FINANCE
1933 OCT - 6 - AM 9:07

October 10, 1933.

AWS:C

Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Reference is made to certain forged and counterfeited vouchers purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department.

For use in an early action of court, it is requested that this office be advised over the seal of your Department whether or not there is any record of a regular army officer or a reserve officer named L. J. Marsden. Please address your statement to the Treasurer of the United States, Accounting Division.

Respectfully,

Assistant Treasurer.

MKS:PSR

Enclosing photostatic copy of letter addressed to the Quartermaster General's Office, Wash., D.C., dated Sept. 23, 1933, signed Clara V. Burrell, 295 Montgomery St., Fall River, Mass., together with photostatic copy of spurious check on the Quartermaster Bank of the U.S.A., Washington, D.C., #1017-17, dated Sept. 12, 1933, to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis, for 14.00.

Oct. 7, 1933.

referred to Oper. Harry L. Barker, Boston, for acknowledgment to writer. Levinsohn, the passer, was arrested at Phiadelphia October 5th.

Chief.

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW YORK DISTRICT

October 5, 1933

Subject: MARVIN LEVINS

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED
OCT 6 - 1933

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In connection with this matter, Operative CONNOLLY called at 584 Madison Ave., New York City, which was a known address of Mrs. JEANNE APPLETON, a sister of MARVIN LEVINSOHN. Agent CONNOLLY developed the fact that Mrs. APPLETON had disposed of this dress establishment which she conducted, over six months ago, and learned that MARVIN LEVINSOHN had visited her some months prior to that time and had stolen a quantity of dresses. Agent CONNOLLY further developed the fact that Mrs. APPLETON is now living at the KIMBERLEY HOTEL, 74th St. and Broadway.

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FIELD FORCE

DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

NEW YORK DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No.

October 2, 1933

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Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
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RENEE PERLBERG in Palisade, N. J., who is also a sister of MARVIN and married to a Dr. MANNIE PERLBERG, located somewhere there.

I located the residence of the PERLBERGS on Buckingham Rd, no number, and I there interviewed Mrs. PERLBERG, a sister of MARVIN, who stated that he lived at her home after leaving the Army last year, and remained with them for several months, she having placed at his disposal a small automobile and given him a daily allowance of $2.00 and left a cook in charge of the residence while she was away last year, but MARVIN suddenly left some time in November, after cashing many checks on tradespeople in the vicinity, all for very small amounts, which was made good by Dr. PERLBERG. Mrs. PERLBERG states that she had a considerable amount of cash and jewelry in the house, which was known to Marvin, but these valuables were untouched. She particularly mentions a large amount of small silver and bills contained in a box, which the Jewish people in this vicinity had collected for a milk fund relief, and MARVIN did not disturb this, though he knew it was there.

While interviewing Mrs. PERLBERG, an old friend of the family's known as HARRY HALPERN, who is a clerk in the Supreme Court in New York County, arrived and joined in the interview. He stated he had originally through the assistance of the family, surrendered MARVIN the first time he deserted from the U. S. Army, and that he has advised the family that the proper thing to do would be to surrender him at this time, should they know his whereabouts. Mrs. PERLBERG insists that while she does not know his whereabouts at present, she believes the proper place for him would be an asylum, as she states he is unquestionably unbalanced. She gave the address of her father and mother as 306 Haven Ave., Apartment 26, Bronx, N.Y.

I then contacted Sergeant HENESSY, in charge of the U. S. Army Disciplinarian Camp at Fort Jay, New York, located on Governor's Island. He stated that MARVIN LEVINSOHN had been released in May, 1932 on parole, to serve until 1935, and further stated that he violated his parole in September, 1932, by not reporting and likewise leaving this District. Sergeant HENESSY further advised that in September, 1932, they caused to be sent to the various Police Departments, Army and Navy Intelligence Units, Department of Justice, etc., a picture of MARVIN LEVINSOHN, together with fingerprint record, requesting his apprehension. They have not received any results. I then caused a Teletype Message to be sent over the police lines, which covers five eastern states, broadcasting the description of MARVIN LEVINSOHN as described by our New Haven District, as he is now engaged in passing these small worthless checks, representing himself to be a U. S. Army Recruiting Sergeant.

Following this, I called on Mr. and Mrs. IVAR LEVINSOHN, at 306 Haven Avenue, Bronx, and both these folks are elderly and ill.

They stated that MARVIN'S birthday was September 23rd, and he was 30 years of age, and they have not seen or heard of him, and likewise, with the Jewish Holidays on, they were terribly concerned as to his well-being. The father and mother believe that MARVIN is mentally unbalanced, having spent some time in Bloomingdale Asylum in Westchester County, for Mental Defectives. They are anxious that this Service apprehend him, and hope that he will receive the proper medical treatment and desire him to be committed for a considerable time. They fear that he might eventually resort to violence in his escapades of travelling around the country. I left Mr. LEVINSOHN an official office card, as he swears that he will advise this Service or the Police, with the request that they notify us should they have any idea as to his whereabouts. They have not seen or heard from him in close to a year.

As there is apparently nothing further that can be done at this time, we will continue any other investigation that might develop through inquiries, and you will be advised.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Morris.

F. W. MORRIS,
Operative.

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Approved by:

Alan G. Straight

ALAN G. STRAIGHT,
Principal Operative.

October 6, 1933.

Referred to Oper. Wm. H. Houghton, Phila., for his information and file. Advise New York, New Haven, Boston, Syracuse, Cleveland and Indianapolis of Levinsohn's arrest.

W. H. Moran

Chief.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
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Mr. W. H. Moran, Washington, D. C.

MARVIN LEVINSOHN, alias MARTIN DAVIS, ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA OCTOBER 4, 1933, COUNTERFEITING AND PASSING CHECKS DRAWN ON THE QUARTERMASTER BANK, U. S. NAVY. Subject of Bul. #190, page 1,

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October 6, 1933

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Check and Bond Section

Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Re: LEVINSOHN, Marvin

Sir:

In further reference to Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, arrested October 4, 1933, in Philadelphia, Pa., for passing spurious checks drawn on

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Philadelphia, Pa.
October 5, 1933

Mr. W. H. Moran, Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.

Re: LEVINSOHN, Marvin

Sir:

In further reference to Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, arrested October 4, 1933, in Philadelphia, Pa., for passing spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, U. S. Navy, and U. S. Army, when questioned yesterday by Operative Rubano and myself, Levinsohn stated that for the last eightenn days he has been hitch-hiking from Santa Barbara, Calif; that he had stopped in Reading, Pa. the night before last, and was in Philadelphia, Pa., last night, October 4, 1933, when he accidentally met his cousin, Marvin Levy, 1422 Ditmas Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., who told the Police he was wanted in New York City by the Government. Levinsohn stated that he had deserted from the Army, was sentenced, and came out in the spring of 1932. He then said that he passed three checks in New York, all for $9.00; that he had made these checks up at his brother-in-law's, Dr. Emanuel Perlberg, home, at 1138 Buckingham Road, Palisade, N. J., using the Doctor's typewriter. Levinsohn further admitted that he had passed a check in Albany, Syracuse, and Utica, N. Y., from $9 to $11 recently; that he had passed in the last month, about twelve checks, three of them in New York City. He denied being in New Haven, Conn., but he said he will waive all rights and return to any district in which he is wanted; that the checks he passed were made out on blank check forms and similar to those he passed before his arrest in Baltimore, Md. in 1929. On October 5, 1933, Levinsohn was held under $2500 bail for a further hearing on October 9, 1933, by U. S. Commissioner Wacker, Philadelphia, Pa.

Today, October 6, 1933, we received a telephone call from the 2nd Detective Division, Philadelphia, stating that Levinsohn, #136829, was an escaped general prisoner from Governor's Island, and was wanted there, but they were advised that Levinsohn would be prosecuted in this district first for the uttering of two spurious checks in September 1932, viz: one on Morris Chanoff, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Philadelphia, and the other on Mrs. Emma M. Thomas of Reading, Pa.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New York, the New Haven, the Syracuse, and the Memphis Districts, for their information in the event detainers should be desired to be lodged against Levinsohn.

The entire file forwarded with your letter of October 5, 1933, is returned herewith, with the exception of photostat copy of check cashed by Mrs. Emma Thom and sketch of check cashed by Morris Chanoff, which will be returned when this case is finally disposed of in Court.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Houghto

Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in Charge

Reg.

Mr. William H.Houghton,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith by registered mail the entire office file in the case of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, passer of spurious checks drawn on the Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army, together with four original checks recently passed by this man who is said to be under arrest in Philadelphia at this time. These four original checks are for $14.00 each. One was passed in Albany, New York, September 12, 1933. One was passed in Rochester, New York, about September 7, 1933. One was passed in Syracuse, New York, about September 12, 1933. Recently a communication was forwarded to the Quartermaster General's Office in Washington signed Clara V. Burrell, 295 Montgomery Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, dated September 23, 1933 enclosing one of these checks that Levinsohn had passed on her.

When this file, including the original checks, have served their purpose, they should be returned to this office by registered mail.

Respectfully,

Chief.

JSW/ASY

Martin

ASY

Enclosing photostatic copy of spurious check #1017-17, dated Sept. 12, 1933, in favor of Sgt. Theodore Davis, for $14.00, by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col. Finance Dept., U.S.A.

Oct. 4, 1933.

referred to Oper. Harry L. Barker, Boston, in connection with our wire of Sept. 29th.

Chief.

Boston, Mass., October 4th., 1933.

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W. H. Moran, Esq.,
Chief, Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I haye the honor to submit the following special report as a result of an investigation conducted by Operative James E. Fitzpatrick relative to spurious Government check passed on CLARA V. BURRELL, of 295 Montgomery St., Fall River, Mass. by Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis.

"On September 30th. 1933 the following telegram was read to me over the 'phone by Agent Rice from Boston, addressed to Agent Barker by the Chief. "CLARA V. BURRELL 295 Montgomery St., Fall River, writes MARVIN LEVINSOHN alias MARTIN DAVIS passed spurious check on her 20th. inst. Photo check follows."

I immediately proceeded to Fall River, Mass. calling at Police Headquarters and was advised by Capt. O'Brien, Commnading the Detective Division that no complaint was received from Miss Clara V. Burrell relative to any spurious checks, and with Inspector Charles Westgate proceeded to 295 Montgomery St., Fall River, Mass. and learned that MISS BURRELL is employed at the WOMANS UNION, 105 Rock St., Fall River, Mass. at which place we called and talked to MISS BURRELL who stated that about two weeks ago a stranger called at the Womens Union, and as she was alone, this stranger asked her to assist him in picking out a wedding present for a young man who was about to marry a 22 year old girl. She stated that the stranger was very nervous acting creating the impression to her that he was bashfull, and after a little talk, it was decided that he would purchase a luncheon set for $5, whereupon MISS BURRELL told him that she could not give them to him at this time as they were soiled and she wanted to take them home, wash and iron them. He stated that this would be alright and that he would call for them the following day. He then asked if he coul pay for them rightaway and Miss Burrell replied in the affirmative and he then presented a check for $14, he claiming that he was SERGEANT THEODORE DAVIS, an Army Man, and telling her that it was a Government check and as good as currency and as the check was filled in by a typewriter, she handed the stra $9, and he placed his name on back of check in her presence. She describes him as follows:-

Jew, 25 years old; 5'7 or, 8" tall; 130 lbs., Slim build, very prominent nose, large peculiar blue eyes; brown hair, hair combed back, and the back of head looked large, which she stated may be that a large growth of hair is there; silly grin; wearing grayish brown troussers, faded blue sleevless sweater.

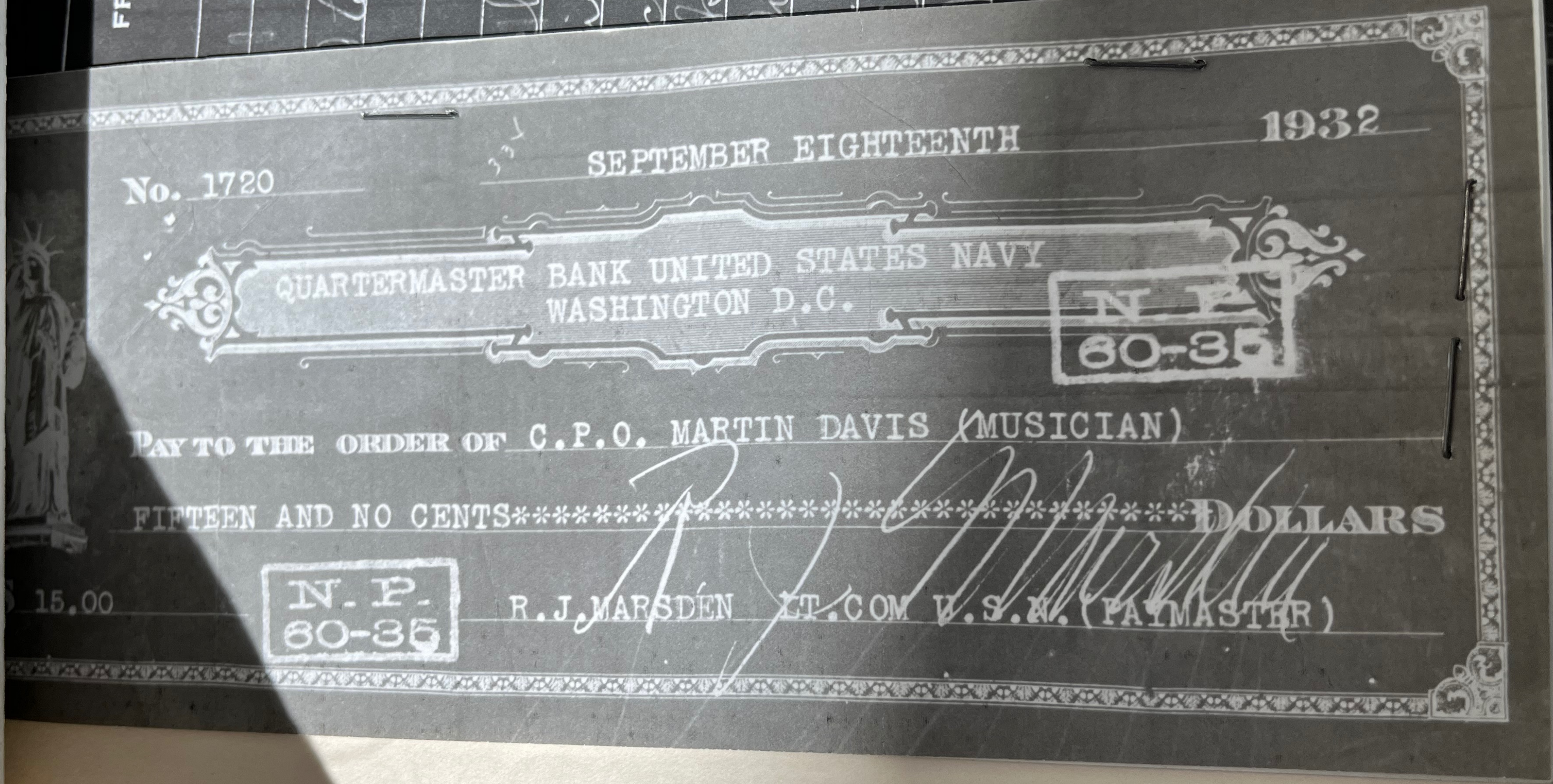
I returned to Police Headquarters, and made arrangements that this complaint be filed and it will be given out to all inspectors. Upon my return to Providence, I gave a warning out to the Police of that City who will also be on the lookout for this check passer.

As Miss Burrell states that she will be able to identify this man should she see him again and as the photos of Levisohn arrived after my visit to Fall River, Mass., I will exhibit the photograph to her on the occasion of my next visit to Fall River, Mass. which will be soon, and a supplementary report will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry L. Barker

Operative in Charge.



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SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH 1932

QUARTERMASTER BANK UNITED STATES NAVY
WASHINGTON D.C.

N.P.
60-35

PAY TO THE ORDER OF C.P.O. MARTIN DAVIS (MUSICIAN)

FIFTEEN AND NO CENTS**************************************DOLLARS

$ 15.00

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R.J.MARSDEN LT.COM U.S.N. (PAYMASTER)

STORE MEMO

TO HQ WAM

form m322

DATE 10-11-32.

FROM STORE NO.

(STAMP NO. ABOVE)

12 [illegible] 1932
BUREAU S. & A.
NAVY DEPT.

SUBJECT

Paymaster
U.S.N.
Washington D.C.

OCT 1 2 1932

Dear Sir

A check was taken in at my store in payment for some merchandize.

This check was made out to the order of Martin Davis (musician C.P.O.) and indorsed as Martin Davis, Musical Division Naval Barracks, Washington D.C. The check was a so called "blank check" made out to the Quatermaster Bank United States Navy, Washington D.C. and signed by R. J. Marsden Lt. Com. U.S.N. paymaster.

The check has been returned by my bank with the statement

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J. C

☐ MANAGER
☐ ASSISTANT

SIGN HERE

DATE ____________ FROM STORE NO. ____________
(STAMP NO. ABOVE)

SUBJECT

that there is no bank in Washington D.C. by that name.

Please give me any information possible in reference to the check and also where I can get into communication with Martin Davis if such a person exists on your records.

Thanking you in advance
I remain Respectfully yours,

Morris Chanoff.

P.S. I have enclosed a sketch of the check showing how it was made out in case there might be any misunderstanding

c/o THOM. McAN SHOE CO.
52 SOUTH 69 ST.,
UPPER DARBY, - PA.

☐ MANAGER
☐ ASSISTANT

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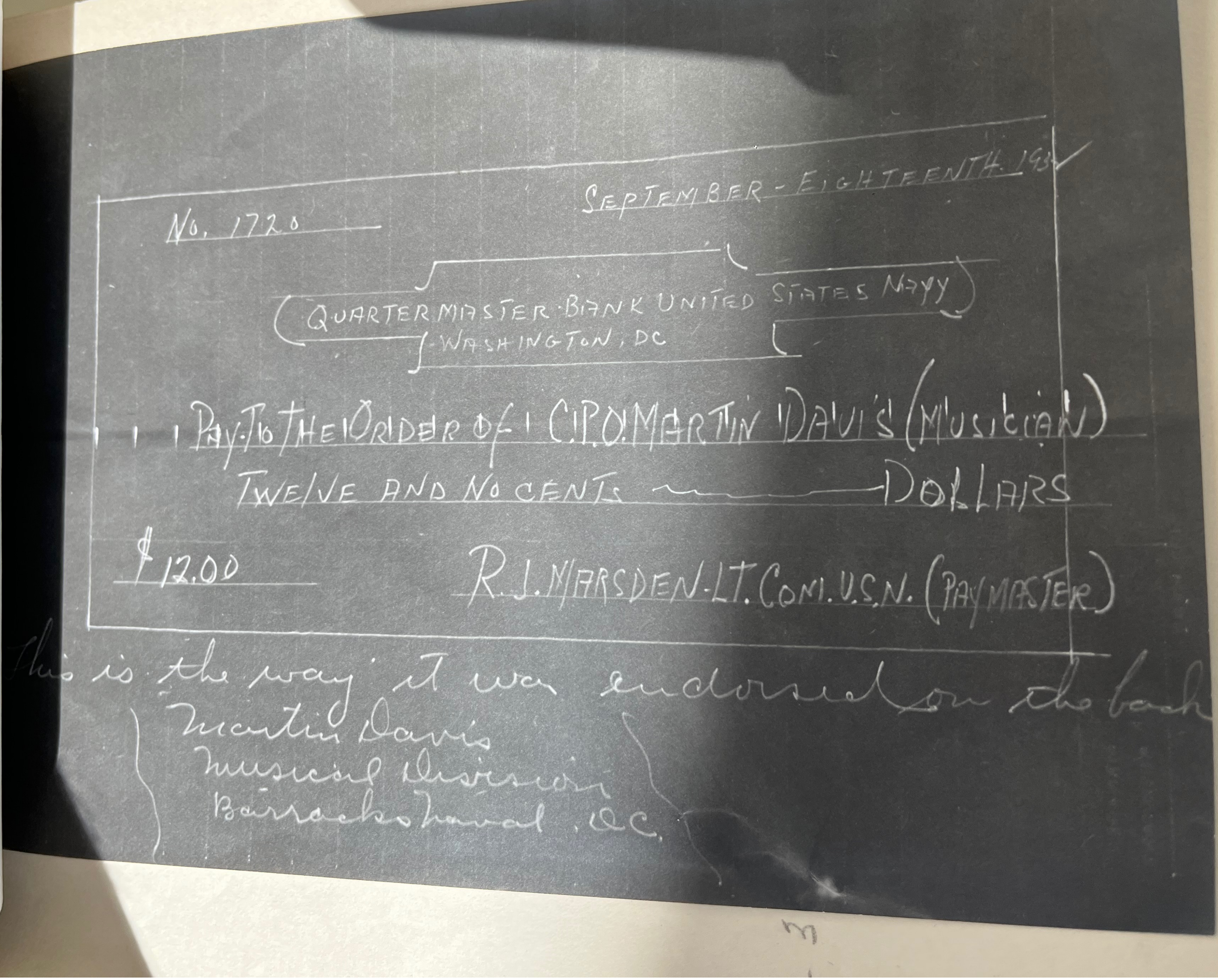

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SEPTEMBER - EIGHTEENTH. 193

(QUARTERMASTER·BANK UNITED STATES NAVY)
WASHINGTON, DC

PAY TO THE ORDER OF C.P.O. MARTIN DAVIS (MUSICIAN)

TWELVE AND NO CENTS DOLLARS

$12.00

R.J. MARSDEN-LT. COM. U.S.N. (PAYMASTER)

This is the way it was endorsed on the back

Martin Davis
Musical Division
Barracks Naval. D.C.

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52 S. 69th St V 2.
'Morris Charnoff ?

ASY

Oct. 4, 1933.

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referred to Oper. Harry L. Barker, Boston, in connection with our wire of Sept. 29th.

Chief.

September 29,1933

Harry L.Barker,
Federal Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Clara V.Burwell - two ninety-five Montgomery Street, Fall River, writes Marvin Lewinsohn alias Martin Davis passed spurious check on her twentieth instant. Photo check follows.

Moran

September 29,1933

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Federal Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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September 21,1933.

Davis, Martin

Mr. Edward J. McHugh,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

In connection with the letter from this office dated 13, ~~1933~~ inst relative to the passing of spurious checks by Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, you will please forward to Operative Barker at Boston the photograph of Levinsohn forwarded to you with the letter referred to above.

Respectfully,

Chief.

JSW/ASY

September 21,1933.

Mr. Edward J. McHugh,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Chief.

JSW/ASY

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Sept. 18 , 1933.

The Custom House.

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
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OFFICE OF CHIEF.

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of Sept. 13, 1933, to [illegible], copy of which was received at this office, concerning MARVIN LEVINSOHN, Agent CONNOLLY reports as follows:

Agent CONNOLLY proceeded to 12 Pinehurst Ave. New York City, and found located there the JOAN of ARC Apartment House. He found residing there a Mrs. [illegible] LEVINSON. Mrs. LEVINSON said that she has a son named HERBERT LEVINSON, 23 years of age. The photograph transmitted by you of MARVIN LEVINSOHN, which CONNOLLY showed to her, is not her son. She did not know the individual. This is the only LEVINSON family residing at the above address. CONNOLLY interviewed the Superintendent and the elevator operator of the above-mentioned apartment house and neither of them know the suspect.

Agent CONNOLLY then proceeded to the Washington Bridge Post Office Station and interviewed the Superintendent and the two carriers who deliver mail to No. 12 Pinehurst Ave. He learned that no forwarding address notice was filed there by MARVIN LEVINSOHN; and their records do not show anyone by the names of either MARVIN LEVINSOHN or MARTIN DAVIS as ever having lived in that district.

CONNOLLY then proceeded to a dress shop at 564 Madison Ave., New York City. This shop was formerly owned by Mrs. JEANNE APPLETON who is a sister of suspect MARVIN LEVINSOHN. He learned that Mrs. APPLETON had sold her business six months ago and is now residing at the KIMBERL HOTEL, 74th St. & Broadway, New York City. He then went t

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Sept. 18, 1933.

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Agent CONNOLLY waited at the Hotel until 5:15 P.M., for Mrs. APPLETON. At 9:00 P.M., he again called at the KIMBERLY HOTEL and interviewed Mrs. JEANNE APPLETON. She identified the photograph as that of her brother. She said he has been a burden and the cause of a great deal of trouble to the family. She stated she has not seen or heard from him since his visit to her at her dress shop which was about six months ago. She said her father and mother are now residing at Peeks Island, Maine. Mrs. APPLETON stated that she does not know whether or not her people are hearing from her brother, but she said she will notify this Service as soon as she receives a communication from him concerning his whereabouts.

I would suggest that the Boston Office continue this investigation in Maine.

Respectfully,

Alan G. Straight

ALAN G. STRAIGHT,
Principal Operative.

BJC/FH

Sept. 19, 1933.

Referred to Oper. Harry L. Barker, Boston, Enclosing copy of letter forwarded Oper. McHugh dated Sept. 13, 1933.

Chief.

(Copy this report also sent to Oper. Beary, New Haven.)

Mr. John C. Marsh,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Sir:

In connection with your special report dated November 22, 1932, relative to Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, passer of spurious checks, kindly forward the photograph of this man which was used by Operative Williams in 1928, to Operative Barker at Boston.

Respectfully,

Chief.

ASY

Mr. John C. Marsh,
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Respectfully,

Chief.

ASY

Enclosing copy of
telegram forwarded Oper. Beary,
New Haven, dated Sept. 14, 1933,
relative to Marvin Levinson.

ASY

Sept. 14, 1933.

referred to Oper. Alan G. Straight, N.Y.C., in connection with our reference of even date.

Chief.

Copy above reference this day also forwarded Operatives Adams and McHugh.

ASY

Sept. 14, 1933.

Enclosing photostatic copy of spurious check for $14.00, payable to Sgt. Theodore Divis, #1017939, passed by Marvin Levinson, alias Martin Davis, first endorser W. J. Dawson, second endorser First Trust Co., Albany. Copy of this reference is being sent to Buffalo and Syracuse districts.

referred to Oper. Alan G. Straight, N.Y.C., in connection with the letter from this office to Oper. McHugh, Buffalo, Sept. 13, 1933, copy of which was forwarded your office on that date. Marvin Levinson passed one check in Utica Sept. 11th and one in Albany Sept. 12th.

Chief.

Districts involved in previous passings by Levinsohn,1928

Indianapolis (Indictment dismissed)

Arrested in Baltimore, Md. about above date.

Birmingham

Memphis

New Orleans

New York

Sentenced ten years Military authorities and released after serving short time only ?

SECRET SERVICE

STANDARD FORM No. 14a
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
JEW/AEY 1:05 PM
Suppressing Counterfeiting and Other C
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—14117

MAIL

September 14, 1933.

James H. Denry,
Post Office Bldg.,
New Haven, Conn.

Act quick. Contact Greeting Shop, twenty five Pearl Street, Hartford. Cause arrest Marvin Levinson, passer spurious checks drawn on Quartermaster Bank, United States Army. Old offender. Straight has full information as to passer.

Moran

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furnished by Operative Mazey in his report and I am forwarding a copy of this report to him.

I am herewith returning photostatic copy of the above-describe voucher.

Respectfully,

Wm G Ha

Wm. G. Harper
Operative in Charge

Copy Syracuse

Sept. 18, 1933.

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

Cleveland, Ohio DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 164

September 13, 1933

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
SEP 14 1933
Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

W. H. Moran, Esq., Chief
Secret Service Division
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report of investigation relative to forged and counterfeited voucher purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lt. Col., Finance Department, in favor of Sgt. Martin Samplin, dated July 25, 1933, in the amount of $14.00. Reference is made to special report of Operative Mazey, dated August 26, 1933, in this connection.

Mr. Longmeier, of the firm of Longmeier & Stippich, second endorsers on subject instrument, advised that passer of same came into their hardware store making inquiry regarding a wide-mouthed vacuum bottle which he had seen in their windows several days before. At that time the item was out of stock but they offered to procure one for him, which they did, attempting to deliver it to him at the Post Office, where he represented himself to be stationed; of course the article was refused. Suspect was described as about 27 years of age; five feet, six inches tall; 135 pounds; slender; clean-shaven; brunette; appearing to be very keen and affecting a slight Eastern accent; he was dressed in drab breeches; leather leggings; white shirt; without hat or cap. Victim states that suspect was not seen before or after this incident.

It will be noted that above description is quite similar to that furnished by Operative Mazey in his report and I am forwarding a copy of this report to him.

I am herewith returning photostatic copy of the above-described voucher.

Respectfully,

Wm G Harpe

Copy Syracuse

Wm. G. Harper
Operative in Charge

Sept. 18, 1933.

Referred to Oper. Robt. L. Godby, Syracuse, for investigation and special report in triplicate.

Chief.

AWS:C September 13, 1933.

Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Treasury Department,

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
SEP 13 1933

Martin

Sir:

Supplementing office letter dated August 19, 1933, forwarding photostat copies of fictitious vouchers No. 1017, dated July 25, and August 1, 1933, respectively, for $14.00 each, drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, to the order of Sgt. Martin Samplin and Sgt. Theodore Davis, there are transmitted herewith for investigation photostat copies of voucher No. 1017-44, dated August 31, 1933, for $9.00, also purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis.

Davis,

Voucher No. 1017-44 was forwarded to this office by collection letter dated August 12 from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The item is indorsed as follows:

1. Sgt. Theodore Davis, #1017939. (ink)
2. Pay to the order of Citizens Trust
   Company of Utica, N. Y.,
   Utica Catholic Book Store.
3. First Citizens Bank & Trust Company,
   Utica, N. Y. 9-11-33.
4. Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 9-12-33.

Respectfully,

Assistant Treasurer.

Attachments.

H:efp

Mr. Edward J. McHugh,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Buffalo, New York.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a spurious check for $14.00 signed L. J. Marsden, to the order of Sgt. Theodore Davis, passed in Rochester recently. This same man, Marvin Levinson, alias Martin Davis, passed similar checks several years ago. He recently passed some in Indianapolis and Cleveland. When arrested by this Service for the previous passings he was turned over to the Military authorities and was given a long sentence, but released without much confinement. He is said to be of unsound mind. He may be working his way back to New York City. Photostatic copy of the check, photograph of the passer and copy of a report dated January 28, 1928, as well as copy of a telegram dated November 5, 1932, which gives a description of the passer, are enclosed. Photostatic copy of the check is also being forwarded to New York for appropriate attention, including contact with the Military authorities of the passer's family.

Respectfully,

Chief.

Sept. 13, 1933.

JSW/ASY

Referred to Oper. Alan G. Straight, N.Y.C. Enclosing photostatic copy of check described above.

Chief.

Mr. W. H. Moran,
Chief, U.S. Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
AUG 29 1933
Washington, D. C.
Section

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report relative to investigation of forged and counterfeited vouchers purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department in favor of Sgt. Martin Samplin and Sgt. Theodore Davis. Reference is made to letter from Mr. Yarion Banister, Assistant Treasurer dated August 19, 1933 and to Chief's endorsement thereon directing investigation:

Marsden, L.J.

Investigation develops that suspect operated in Indianapolie, Ind. on or about August 9th and passed several checks similar to the ones mentioned above, all for the amount of $14.00 and payable to Sgt. Theodore Davis #1017939, signed L. J. Marsden Lt. Col. Finance Dept. At the Army Recruiting Service learned they had had numerous calls regarding suspect:

Miss Stutler of the Madison Ave. Florist Shop, 2405 Madison Ave., Indianapolis states a man who said his name was Theodore Davis, about noon August 9th tried to purchase a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Mr. Harold Adams at Chicasaw, Alabama, to be delivered through the Mingo Floral Co.; the man tendered a check similar to the ones under investigation which Miss Stutler would not accept; he then told her to send the flowers and submit statement to the U.S.Army Recruiting Office, 408 Federal Building, Indianapolis. Suspect is described as about 30 years old; 5 feet 7 inches tall; weight about 145 pounds; medium build; dark complexion; dark hair; wore light trousers and white shirt; no coat or hat. Miss Stutler would know him again.

This same suspect about August 9th went to the American Trust Co. 223 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, approached Mr. H. C. Krentler, Mgr. and ordered a knee cap, he showed Mr. Krentler his knee where it was cut and told him to order the knee cap for delivery, presenting a check similar to those under investigation; Mr. Krentler told him he could not cash it and Davis said to let it go until the knee cap was ready for delivery. The man has not returned to date.

Ascertained that suspect passed one of the checks at the Meridian Book Shop, 6 E. Market Street, Indianapolis about August 9th. From Mr. Arthur Zinkin, Manager picked up the original check, which is issued to Sgt. Theodore Davis for $14.00, other parts being similar to the ones under investigation; Zinkin states suspect told him he was a member of the Army

Band and interested in music, he purchased two books, "Gershwin Book of Music" and a small book, "Appreciation of Music" total amount of purchase $5.50 -- Mr. Zinkin gave the man $8.50 in change for the voucher which was presented to his bank; they returned it with the information it was bogus. Mr. Zinkin's description of suspect is the same as that of Miss Stutler; the man stated he had been in an automobile accident and had blood on his light trousers, possibly this is why he visited the American Truss Company. Mr. Zinkin can identify suspect. Will continue investigation in an effort to obtain identity and possible whereabouts of suspect.

Forwarded the file to the Cleveland District as directed, with the exception of the photostat copy of voucher cashed in this District which is held for further investigation and possible action here.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Mazey

Operative in Charge.

Sir:

Forwarded herewith for investigation are photostats of voucher No. 1017, dated July 25, and August 1, 1938, respectively, for $14.00 each, purporting to have been drawn by L. J. Marsden, Lieutenant Colonel, Finance Department, in favor of Sgt. Martin Samplin and Sgt. Theodore Davis.

You are informed that the voucher dated July 25 was presented by the Riggs National Bank to the Finance Office of the War Department, which office refused payment for the reason that there was no one authorized to draw such vouchers. Mr. Brennan of that office notified the Treasury that the voucher had been presented. Riggs National Bank was immediately contacted and the voucher was delivered to the Treasurer. On the morning of August 12, the Riggs National Bank advised by phone that it had a similar voucher which voucher was also delivered to the Treasurer.

You are informed that it has been informally ascertained from the War Department that there is no record of a regular army officer or a reserve officer named L. J. Marsden. There is no record of enlisted men in the names of Martin Samplin or Theodore Davis. The No. 1,017,939 appearing after the names of the payees represents World War Army serial number of one Charles [illegible] Causey, who is now stationed at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii. The number 60064 which appears on voucher dated July [illegible] was not placed thereon by this office and no such symbol number has ever been assigned.

Respectfully,

AWB:C

August 19, 1933

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE
CLEVELAND, OHIO

S. S. DIVISION
AUG 22 1933
INDIANA DISTRICT

SECRET SERVICE DIVISION
Treasury Department
Received
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Washington D. C.
Check and Bond Section

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Marion Banister

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Attachments.
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Chief, Secret Service
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

John C. Marsh

Operative in Charge.

Received
DEC 15 1932
Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

November 22, 1932.

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Washington, D. C.
Check and Bond Section

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Mr. W. H. Moran,
Chief, Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report covering OPERATIVE ANDREWS' investigation re spurious check #1720, drawn on QUARTERMASTER BANK UNITED STATES NAVY, Washington, D. C., to the order of MARTIN DAVIS, by R. J. MARSDEN, Lt. Comm. Paymaster, in the amount of $9.00,-subject of OPERATIVE TUCKER'S telegram to me on the 9th inst. REPORT VERBATIM:

"On November 9th, 1932, called at the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOMS, Exchange Building, Memphis, Tenn., and learned that MRS. MARGARET E. GLADDING, Librarian, who cashed subject check, had gone home.

"Then called at the Forrest Park Apartment and interviewed MRS. MARGARET E. GLADDING who stated she cashed check in question for a man, whom she had never seen before, that came in to the reading rooms and purchased one of their books,'Science and Health', at a cost of $5.00; that he came in about 12:30 P. M., Saturday, November 5th, 1932, and advised the banks were closed,when she hesitated about cashing the check, and that he wanted the book at once as he was going to send it to his sister, who is in Panama, for a birth-day present; that his sister's husband is an officer in Panama. MRS. GLADDING further stated in giving this man the difference between the amount of check and the cost of the book, she made a mistake and gave him a $10.00 bill and three $1.00 bills, which error she detected a few minutes later. MRS. GLADDING further stated this man did not say where he is from, how long he has been here, where he is staying or what he is doing at the present time, however, she states she can identify him."

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John C. Marsh
Operative in Charge.

November 9, 1932.

Mr. John C. Marsh,
Operative in Charge,
Lock Box 66,
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my wire this date am enclosing herewith photostat of check dated October 25th on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Navy, Washington, D.C., to the order of Martin Davis, signed R. J. Marsden, Paymaster, which was passed on Mrs. Margaret E. Gladding, Librarian of the Christian Science Reading Room, on the 7th instant. My wire of the 5th to Williams, copy of which was sent you, carries his description. Williams also has his photos. The original check is being returned to the First National Bank of Memphis by the Riggs National Bank here, which you should, of course, take up.

Very truly,

J.S.
John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge.

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November 9, 1932.

John C. Marsh,
Postoffice Building,
Memphis, Tenn.

Spurious check for nine dollars similar to one described my letter November fifth to Williams passed at Christian Science Reading Room on Mrs. Margaret E. Gladding Memphis on the seventh. Am mailing you photostat.

TUCKER

MEMORANDUM FOR RIGGS NATIONAL BANK:

There was surrendered to this office on November 5th by the Navy Department a spurious check purporting to be a Government check, described as follows:

Dated October 25, 1932, drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U.S. Navy, Washington, D. C., to the order of Chief Petty Officer Martin Davis, in the sum of $8.00, and signed R. J. Marsden, Lieut. Commander, Paymaster. The check bore the endorsement of R. N. Mills Book Store, Nashville, Tenn., and was negotiated at the American National Bank, Nashville, November 3d, and cleared through your bank November 5th.

As this check was held to be a violation of Section 148 of the Penal Code it was referred to our Agent at Nashville, Leo J. Williams, for Investigation. The man who passed this check is an old offender and known to this office.

John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge.

The Riggs National Bank
Washington, D. C.

November 5 1932

LEO J WILLIAMS
POST OFFICE BLDG
NASHVILLE TENN

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MORAN

Mr. Leo J. Williams,
Secret Service Division
Nashville, Tenn.

Sir:

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The above check was cleared thru the American National Bank on November 3rd. This man may possibly be still in your neighborhood. Please return photos when they have served their purpose.

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Copy of Assistant Secretary Lowman's letter dated 2-3-30 offering no objection to dismissal of indictment returned at the May 1929 Term charging MARVIN LEVINSOHN alias "JOSEPH WITZEL" with passing false Government check.

2-4-30

referred to Operative Masey, Indianapolis, for his information.

Chief.

The Attorney General.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 21, 1930, file "[illegible] 33-05-25-2-", enclosing a copy of a communication dated January 17, 1930, from the United States Attorney at Indianapolis, requesting permission to dismiss indictment returned by the Grand Jury at the May 1929 Term, charging Marvin Levinsohn, alias "Joseph Witzel", 4407, with passing a spurious Government check.

In reply I beg to advise you that the records of the Secret Service Division show that this man deserted from the United States Army and passed a number of false Government checks in different judicial districts, and that he is now serving a sentence of ten years imposed upon him by military court martial. In view of the length of this sentence, the Department will interpose no objection to the dismissal of the Indiana indictment against him.

Respectfully,

(Signed) S. Lowman

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

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The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

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SECRET SERVICE
OCT 27 1932
WASHINGTON DISTRICT

Mr. John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Operative Rubano was in Reading, Pa., on October 24, 1932, and he reports as follows in reference to a spurious Navy check, drawn in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis for the sum of $15.00. This is in further reference to our previous correspondence in reference to these checks, one of which was cashed by Morris Chanoff, Manager, of the Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Pa., and who identified the photograph of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis, as the passer of the spurious check on him on Oct. 3rd:

"While at the Farmers Natl. Bank, Reading, Pa., I learned that the address of Emma M. Thomas, second endorser on the spurious Navy check, drawn in favor of Martin Davis, is 107 S. 4th St. I called there and saw Mrs. Thomas who immediately identified the photograph of Marvin Levinsohn as the man for whom she cashed the above mentioned check on October 5, 1932.

"She stated that she had seen Levinsohn on the corner of 4th and Penn Sts., Reading, Pa., on Saturday, October 15th, but did not want to talk to him as she was advised by the Vice President of the bank not to say anything to him as they did not know whether or not this check was any good, having received no reply from Washington, D. C. in reference to their inquiries . Mrs. Thomas stated that Levinsohn came into her jewelry store and asked for a cheap wrist watch. She informed him she had one for $11.25. He stated he wanted a new watch on account of the band on his old watch was excoriating his wrist. He finally selected a $6.00 gold filled band, marked "Defender". This band had to be fixed, and Levinsohn stated he would return later for it, but at the time he tendered the check for $15.00, and received $9.00 in cash from Mrs. Thomas.

continued

"Mrs. Thomas further stated that Levinsohn was dressed in a gray suit at the time he passed this check, but when she saw him on October 15th he had on a black suit and gray hat. On exhibiting the photograph of Levinsohn to several of the Detectives at City Hall in Reading, Pa., some of them were under the impression that they had seen him around town. They will pick him up should they see him."

The photograph of Levinsohn is returned herewith as requested.

Respectfully,

Wm H. Hought

Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in Charge

Enc.

Mr. John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Relative to your letter of October 18, 1932, I showed the photograph of Marvin Levinsohn, alias Martin Davis to Morris Chanoff, Manager, of the Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Pa., and he positively identified the photograph as that of the man for whom he had cashed a spurious Navy check, drawn in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis for $12.00, on Oct. 3rd.

As requested in your letter of October 8, 1932, I am returning the photograph of Clarence E. McMahon, check forger and also suspect.

I will retain the photograph of Levinsohn until we have the opportunity to exhibit same to the other victim of a spurious Navy check in Reading, Pa.

Respectfully,

Wm H Houghton
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Operative in Charge

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OCT 17 1932
WASHINGTON

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

With further reference to the spurious check drawn to the order of Martin Davis, subject of our letters to you of October 8th and 12th, and your letter of October 15th, you are advised that the man who put these two checks over is, without question, Marvin Levinsohn, who was the subject of your special report of December 14, 1928. Levinsohn was tried by military court martial in 1929 and given ten years imprisonment. We learned that he was paroled by the military authorities, which parole was violated by his leaving his home at 1315 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., and the parole was revoked on September 24, 1932. The War Department states they are anxious to apprehend him to make him serve out the sentence. A comparison of the checks sent you shows that the indorsement Martin Davis is identical with the checks he put over in 1928 and 1929. Your report of December 14, 1928, carries a good description of this man.

I am inclosing front and side view pictures with the request that they be returned to us when they have served their purpose as theyeare the only ones we have.

This man originally enlisted in the Army under the name of Martin Davis and should he be apprehended, Governor's Island will take him over. His father's name is Ivan Levinsohn and lives at the above address. We find that Harry W. Eilpern of the New County Courthouse, Pearl Street, New York, N. Y., is named in his parole as his best friend.

Respectfully,

John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge

OCT 17 1932
WASHINGTON DISTRICT

October 15, 1932

Mr. John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Relative to your letter of October 8, 1932, enclosing counterfeit check drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Navy, Washington, D. C., in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis (musician) for the sum of $15.00, which check was taken in by the Farmers National Bank and Trust Co., Reading, Pa., for collection; and your letter of October 12, 1932, enclosing letter from Morris Chanoff, Manager, Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Pa., who cashed a similar check, I beg to advise as follows:

This morning I called at the Thom McAn Shoe Store, 52 S. 69th St., Upper Darby, Pa., where I interviewed Morris Chanoff, Manager. He turned over to me a spurious check, drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C., dated September 18, 1932, for the sum of $12.00, issued in favor of C. P. O. Martin Davis, (Musician), signed by R. J. Marsden, Lt. Com. U.S.N.(Paymaster). Chanoff stated he cashed this check on October 3, 1932, two days prior to the check being deposited at the Media-69th St. Title and Trust Co., Philadelphia. He described the passer as 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, dark hair, clean shaven, clean cut appearance, who purchased a pair of shoes, and tendered the check after about ten minutes conversation regarding his travels in the U. S. Navy. While talking, the passer of this check, kept twitching his lips, as though he was blowing a bugle, giving Chanoff the impression that he was a musician.

I exhibited the photograph of Clarence E. McMahon to Chanoff, but he could not identify him as the passer of this check, stating that the passer had a much refiner appearance. I will retain this photograph of McMahon until we can interview the person who cashed the other check in Reading, Pa., at our earliest possible convenience.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Houghton

Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in Charge

Mr. William H. Houghton
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am attaching hereto letter from Maurice Chauoff, c/o Thom McAn Shoe Co., 52 South 69th Street, Philadelphia-Upper Darby, Pa., inclosing a sketch of a spurious check, similar to the one forwarded to you the other day.

This for your information.

Very truly,

John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia,Pa.

Sir:

I am inclosing a spurious check drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, United States Navy, Washington, D. C., to the order of C P C Martin Davis, Musician for $15. and signed R. J. Marsden, Lt. Com. U. S. N. (Paymaster) which was sent in by the Farmers National Bank and Trust Company, Reading, Pa., to the Navy Department for collection. The Navy Department has written the bank that it is a spurious check and that it has been turned over to this office.

The check appears to be the work of Clarence E. McMahon, several aliases, who was sentenced October 8, 1929 at Chicago, Ill., to three years in Leavenworth. This man has been arrested several times for offenses of this character. I am inclosing his photo, which please return as soon as it has served its purpose as it is the only one we have on file here.

Respectfully,

John S. Tucker,
Operative in Charge

JAN 30 1929

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Bogus checks drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, negotiated by one MARVIN LEVINSOHN, now a deserter from Company A, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York.

Sir;

I have the honor to submit the following special report relative to the above subject, made by Agent MORRIS of this District; subject of your letter to Operative HOUGHTON, Philadelphia District, dated December 13th, 1928, and of special report of Operative ARNOLD, Philadelphia, dated December 14th, 1928;

"In connection with this investigation I called at FORT JAY, Governor's Island, New York, and interviewed Sergeant WAGNER and First Sergeant SCHAEFFER, Company A, 16th Infantry, both of whom stated that one MARTIN DAVIS enlisted February 6th, 1928, at Fort BRIDE, North Carolina. He deserted February 23rd, 1928, while enroute to another station to which he had been ordered to report. On August 15th, 1928, he voluntarily surrendered to the authorities at FORT JAY, Governor's Island, with the explanation that due to sickness in his family he did not think his desertion was a breach of Army regulations, as up to that time he had not seen official service. Through some influence the Commanding Officer released him from the Detention Barracks at FORT JAY and restored him to Company A in good standing. Early in December, 1928, DAVIS took leave from the fort without permission, and was marked A. W. O. L until January 1st, 1929, at which time he was adjudged a deserter and entered on the books accordingly.

From various interviews with several soldiers of this company, I learned that DAVIS'S reputation was very bad among the men, as during his last few days in this company he had borrowed money, clothing and other articles from various soldiers, which had not been returned. I interviewed one RICHARD O'CONNOR, who was considered a close friend of DAVIS, and whose address was listed as 426 East 56th Street, New York City. Upon investigation this proved to be the PETER DOELGER BREWERY, and O'CONNOR was not known there. O'CONNOR at that time was on furlough, and could not be located. Shortly after the beginning of 1929, I interviewed O'CONNOR at FORT JAY, and he informed me that his correct address was 426 West 56th Street; that he knew DAVIS fairly well, and that DAVIS' correct name is MARVIN LEVINSOHN. He stated that LEVINSOHN had enlisted under the name of DAVIS because he did not want his family to know he was in the Army. O'CONNOR had no knowledge of LEVINSOHN'S present whereabout some money from him, and that he, was therefore also anxious to locate him. O'CONNOR then gave me the address of one JULIA WALKER, 390 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., with the information that LEVINSOHN had been going with this girl, who might be able to give me some information as to his present addresss

I proceeded to 390 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., and interviewed MRS. WALKER and her daughter, JULIA. The latter stated that she had met DAVIS some time in October, through another girl friend who has since disappeared and whose address is now unknown, and that JULIA'S mother, MRS. WALKER, had refused to permit her to associate with any soldiers. The WALKERS further stated that a nearby drug store had received a bogus chedk from LEVINSOHN, under which name he was also known to the WALKERS.

At 394 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City, I interviewed MR. LOUIS SCHULTZ, who stated that on Christmas morning, 1928, about 11:00 a. m., a soldier entered his drug store, called SCHULTZ by name, and stated that he was to have dinner at the WALKER home and wished to purchase a box of candy as a Christmas present for MRS. WALKER. He also stated that he was keeping company with JULIA WALKER. He then offered MR. SCHULTZ a check drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, Fort Jay, New York, No. 6056, dated December 4th, 1928, payable to MARVIN LEVINSOHN, for $10.00, signed by L. J. LORBER, Major, Finance Department, U. S. A., endorsed by MARVIN LEVINSOHN. SCHULTZ could not recall whether LEVINSOHN had endorsed this check in his presence or not. SSHULTZ further stated to LEVINSOHN that he did not sell candy, and LEVINSOHN requested that he cash this check anyway, as he needed funds and wished to buy candy at another store. SCHULTZ then gave LEVINSOHN $10.00 for the check, and he departed. SCHULTZ deposited this check in the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF JERSEY CITY, New Jersey, who later returned it to him uncollected, giving no reason. SCHULTZ described LEVINSOHN as being 5' 10" tall, slender build, 155 lbs., clean shaven, black hair, sharp nose, Jewish, the latter reason being one cause why he did not hesitate to cash the check, SCHULTZ being Jewish also. SCHULTZ further stated that LEVINSOHN wore a U. S. Army uniform bearing a large figure '1' in red on the shoulder of his Army overcoat, but could furnish no further information relative to this suspect.

Several days later I received a telephone call from Sergeant SCHAEFFER, FORT JAY, requesting me to call there in connection with this case, which I did. Sergeant SCHAEFFER turned over to me two postal cards, one addressed to MISS MAY NICHOLS, and one to HELEN NICHOLS, 146 Alley Street, Lynn, Massachusetts, signed 'CONNIE', also a letter addressed to Private WILLIAM B. McGOLDRICK, Company A, 16th Infantry, a member of this Company. These postal cards had been found in a pocket of one of LEVINSOHN'S old uniforms, and Sergeant SCHAEFFER thought they might be of some use to this Service.

of this information and the cards, they were forwarded to Agent BARKER, Boston District, for investigation, the results of which are incorporated in his special report dated January 14th, 1929, copy of which is attached hereto, as a regular part of this file.

Private WILLIAM McGOLDRICK turned over to Sergeant SCHAEFFER a letter which had been received from his father, who lives in Norristown, Pennsylvania, containing information to the effect that LEVINSOHN had visited the senior McGOLDRICK for a day, and made himself known to the latter as a fellow-soldier of his son, requesting that MR. McGOLDRICK cash a check for him, which he did. This check is described in detail in Operative ARNOLD'S special report of December 14th, 1928, referred to above. Private McGOLDRICK could not give me any information as to the present whereabouts of suspect LEVINSOHN.

Sergeant WAGNER at Fort Jay also turned over to me a communication received from T. D. L. SHORE, 246 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, wherein MR. SHORE writes to First Lieutenant PHILIP H. KROM, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, and describes one MORRIS VINMAN as being a soldier who passed a bogus check on him in the amount of $9.00, dated December 14th, 1928, made payable to MORRIS VINMAN. MR. SHORE describes VINMAN as being a soldier in uniform which bore the insignia of the 16th Infantry; tall, brown eyes and hair, about 29 years of age. This, no doubt, was LEVINSOHN and appears to be his work.

Upon interviewing other soldiers at the camp of Company A, I learned from one CORPORAL SWOPE that LEVINSOHN was acquainted with a girl somewher on 22nd Street, New York City, which coincides with the special report of Operative BARKER dated January 14th, furnishing the address of one VIRGINI WHITE, correct name VIRGINIA BARLOW, as 153 West 22nd Street, New York Ci

I called at 153 West 22nd Street and found this to be a rooming hous conducted by a MRS. AUBREY, who stated that she had not known MISS BARLOW any length of time; that MISS BARLOW was rooming with another girl named MRS. HAND, and that MR. HAND, the latter's husband, formerly roomed with them but had left a week before my call and was not expected to return. MRS. AUBREY at first refused to give me any information until I made kno my identity. Then she promised to assist in this investigation in any possible way. I requested that she make tracings of all mail received MISS BARLOW and forward same to this office. MRS. AUBREY stated that s distributed all mail for her roomers, but to the best of her knowledge, MISS BARLOW had only received one or two letters in the three or four w she had roomed there. At this writing no tracings have been received f MRS. AUBREY.

I then interviewed MISS VIRGINIA BARLOW, who is apparently a friend of all the soldiers, and who stated that she knew LEVINSOHN by the name of 'DOC' DAVIS and understood him to be an X-Ray man from the hospital at FORT JAY. She further stated that through her LEVINSOHN, alias DAVIS, met her girl friend and roomer, MRS. HAND, and that LEVINSOHN had immediately borrowed an expensive suitcase from MR. HAND, promising to return it the following day. After borrowing this suitcase, they have not heard from or seen him again. MISS BARLOW promised to notify this office as soon as she learned the whereabouts of LEVINSOHN.

Through Private O'CONNOR at Fort Jay I learned that LEVINSOHN had lived somewhere on Washington Heights, New York City, and that he, O'CONNOR, had been with LEVINSOHN on a visit to his home there for about ten minutes. O'CONNOR stated, however, that he could not recall the exact address, but that the house was a large apartment dwelling with hall service, and with large pillars in front of the door. I proceeded to canvass various streets on Washington Heights, making inquiries at several apartment houses, and finally located at the JOAN OF ARC APARTMENTS, 12 Pinehurst Avenue, a family named LEVINSOHN. Upon making inquiries from the superintendent of the BUILDING, MR. SMITH, and the hall boy, one WILLIAMS, I learned that a soldier answering the description of suspect had visited this house on various occasions, and the hall boy also stated that this soldier belonged at FORT JAY, but had not been seen since around Thanksgiving. I arranged with the superintendent and hall boy that in the event the soldier called again, they were to notify the nearest policeman or this office and cause his arrest.

I then interviewed MRS. LEVINSOHN, suspect's mother, who stated that her husband was critically ill, and that if I was calling for the purpose of arresting her son MARVIN, who had deserted from the U. S. Army, she would be pleased to assist me. This latter statement from her was not prompted by any question from me, nor at this time did she know my identity. She stated that she presumed I was an officer. MRS. LEVINSOHN further stated that her reason for being anxious to have her son arrested was that she might then know where he was, and that he would be out of trouble, as the family has had trouble with him for more than ten years. He has been known to steal from relatives, from friends and to take advantage of them through various check and credit ruses. She attributes her husband's illness entirely to the doings of their son MARVIN, and further stated that they have made good so many losses for him that they are through reimbursing anyone in the future. MRS. LEVINSOHN is anxious to supply us with information, which I presume she will do as soon as she is in communication with her son. She also volunteered the information that her daughter, MRS. JEANNE APPLETON, who lives with her, conducted a dress shop at 564 Madison Avenue, New York City, and suggested that I call on her in order that she might be aware of the fact that the Goverment wished to apprehend MARVIN.

I interviewed MRS. APPLETON, who is LEVINSOHN'S sister, and who stated that she was very bitter towards MARVIN, and that some time ago he had stolen some money from her. She further stated that she would not be surprised if she should at any time receive word from him requesting a loan, in which event she promised to communicate with this Office.

I also made arrangements with the WASHINGTON BRIDGE POST OFFICE STATION, 182nd Street, which serves the LEVINSOHN address with mail, to cover and make tracings of all communications addressed to them. To date no tracings have been received.

Pursuant to another telephone call from First Sergeant SCHAEFFER, Fort Jay, I went there and interviewed him and Captain NEALON, of Company A. The latter stated that a small blonde girl answering the description and name of VIRGINIA BARLOW had attended a dance at the Fort on January 15th, 1929, and had evidently tried in every conceivable manner to obtain information as to the whereabouts of LEVINSOHN, alias DAVIS, through other soldiers in the Company. CAPTAIN NEALON at this time did not know I had already been in touch with MISS BARLOW, who communicated with me by telephone to tell me she hoped to learn something about LEVINSOHN but had so far been unsuccessful in finding his present whereabouts.

On January 28th, 1929, I received another telephone call from Sergeant SCHAEFFER requesting that I call on him at the Fort as soon as possible, which I did, interviewing him and First Sergeant CORNFORTH, representing Captain LEO J. McCARTHY, of Headquarters Detachment, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay. Sergeant CORNFORTH thereupon displayed a letter from the COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP, 614 Spruce Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania, stating that they had received a bogus check for $9.00 drawn in favor of First Class Private ARTHUR GORDON, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, and that subject check had been cashed after Private GORDON made a small purchase, receiving his change in cash. The COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP's letter, written by J. BENNETT, states that subject check was signed by L. J. McCARTHY in red ink, endorsed by ARTHUR GORDON, 16th Infantry, Company A. This likewise appears to be LEVINSOHN and his methods. Sergeant CORNFORTH also displayed a letter from the CITIZENS BANK of Binghamton, New York, addressed to Captain L. J. McCARTHY, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, stating that they had cashed a check for a soldier named RALPH GORDON for $20.00, signed by Captain McCARTHY, endorsed by RALPH GORDON, which had been returned from the SEABOARD NATIONAL BANK as not having proper signatures. In the letter of the CITIZENS BANK of Binghamton they also request a new check for $21.50 to cover protest fees. This is also apparentl the work of LEVINSOHN.

Sergeant CORNFORTH also turned over to me a letter from the GREYHOUND LINES, INC., 2129 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, reading as follows:

> "Capt. L. J. McCarthy,
> 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York.
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> Dear Sir: - - Inclosed you will find a check made out on the Quartermaster's Bank, bearing your signature.
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> A man in uniform stating his name was IRVING KAUFMAN came into our bus station and asked our agent to cash this check for him and furnish him with a ticket for Chicago. Our agent, trusting this man's honesty, gave him a ticket and the balance in cash for this check.
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> Now our bank advises us that there is no Quartermaster's Bank, and they cannot collect on this check. I was wondering if you have some kind of a fund at your camp that covers these checks. Kindly advise me whether this check is O. K., and if so you will favor me by returning same with a check that can be cashed at any bank.
>
> Trusting to hear from you in the near future, I remain - Respectfully yours -
>
> (Signed) L. F. YERMAN
> GREYHOUND LINES, INC."

Inasmuch as LEVINSOHN is evidently in Chicago at this time, a copy of this report, together with the complete file in this case, is being forwarded to the Chicago District with the request that LEVINSOHN be apprehended on sight if possible. LEVINSOHN should be easily distinguished as he is wearing a regulation U. S. Army uniform with the insignia of the 16th Infantry on his coat lapels and a large figure '1' in red on the shoulder of his overcoat, denoting First Division. At the Commandant's Office at Fort Jay it was stated that outside of New York, and at present, there are no men from the First Division on leave."

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Palma.

JOSEPH A. PALMA
Principal Operative

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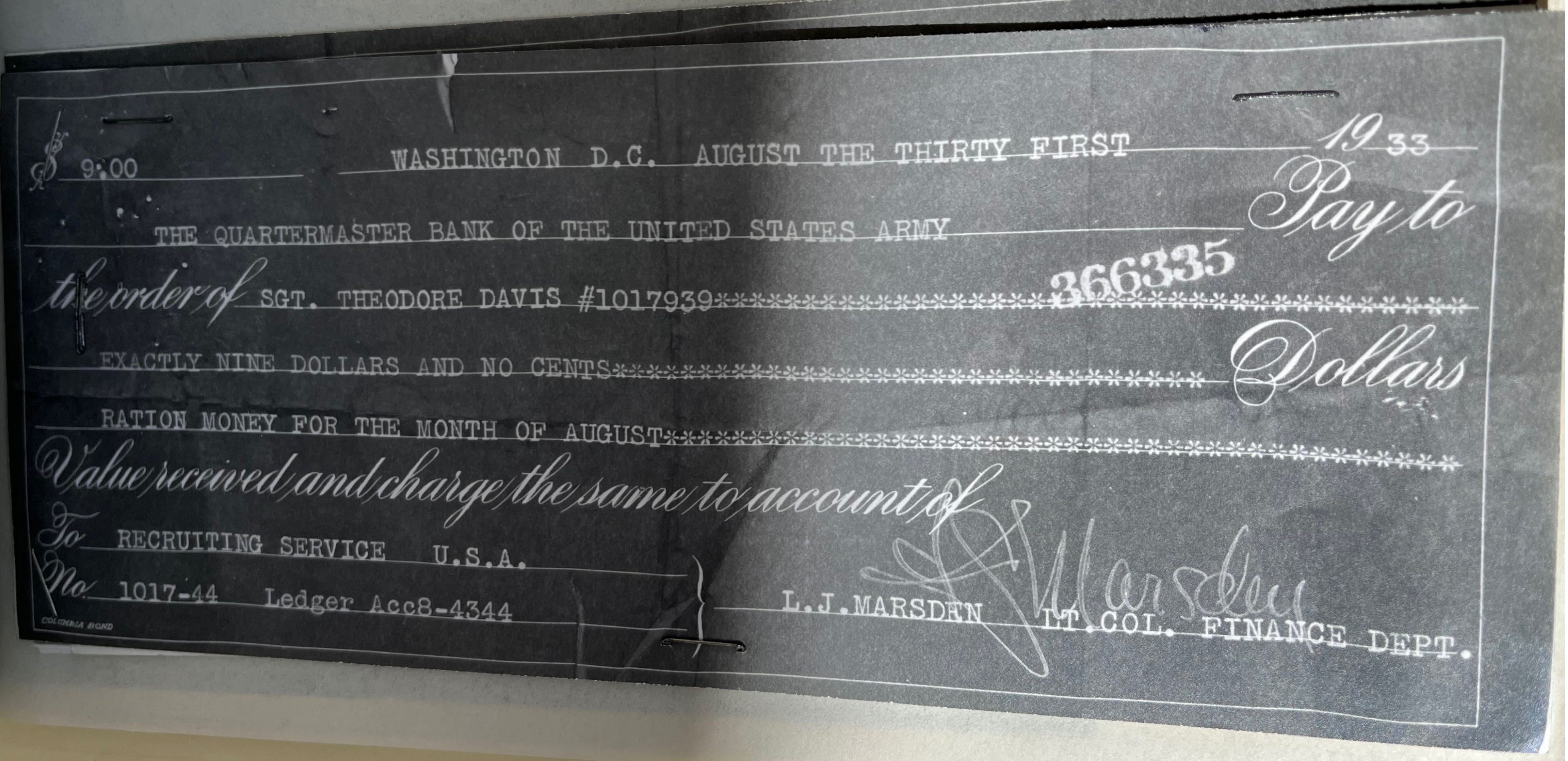

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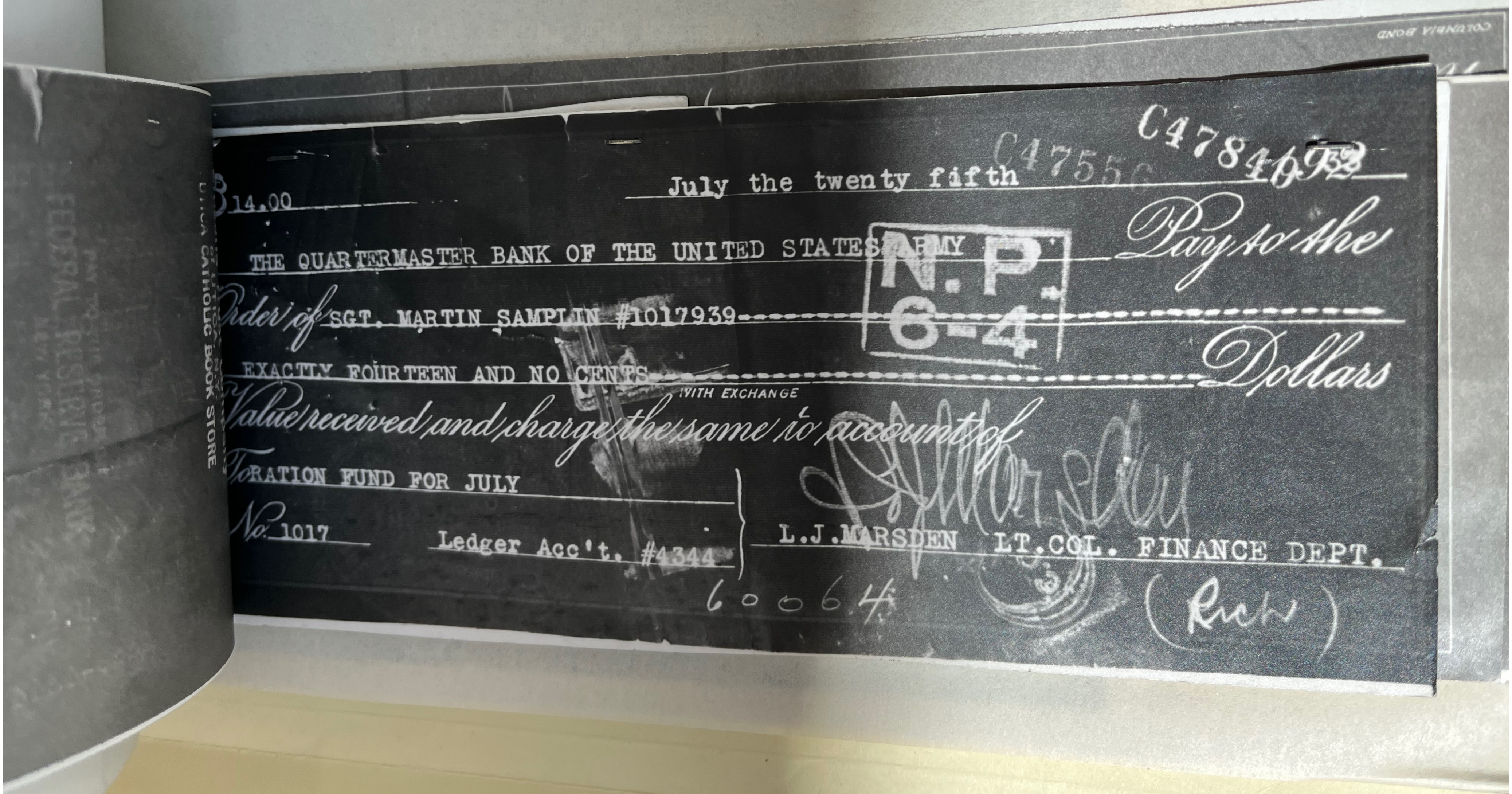

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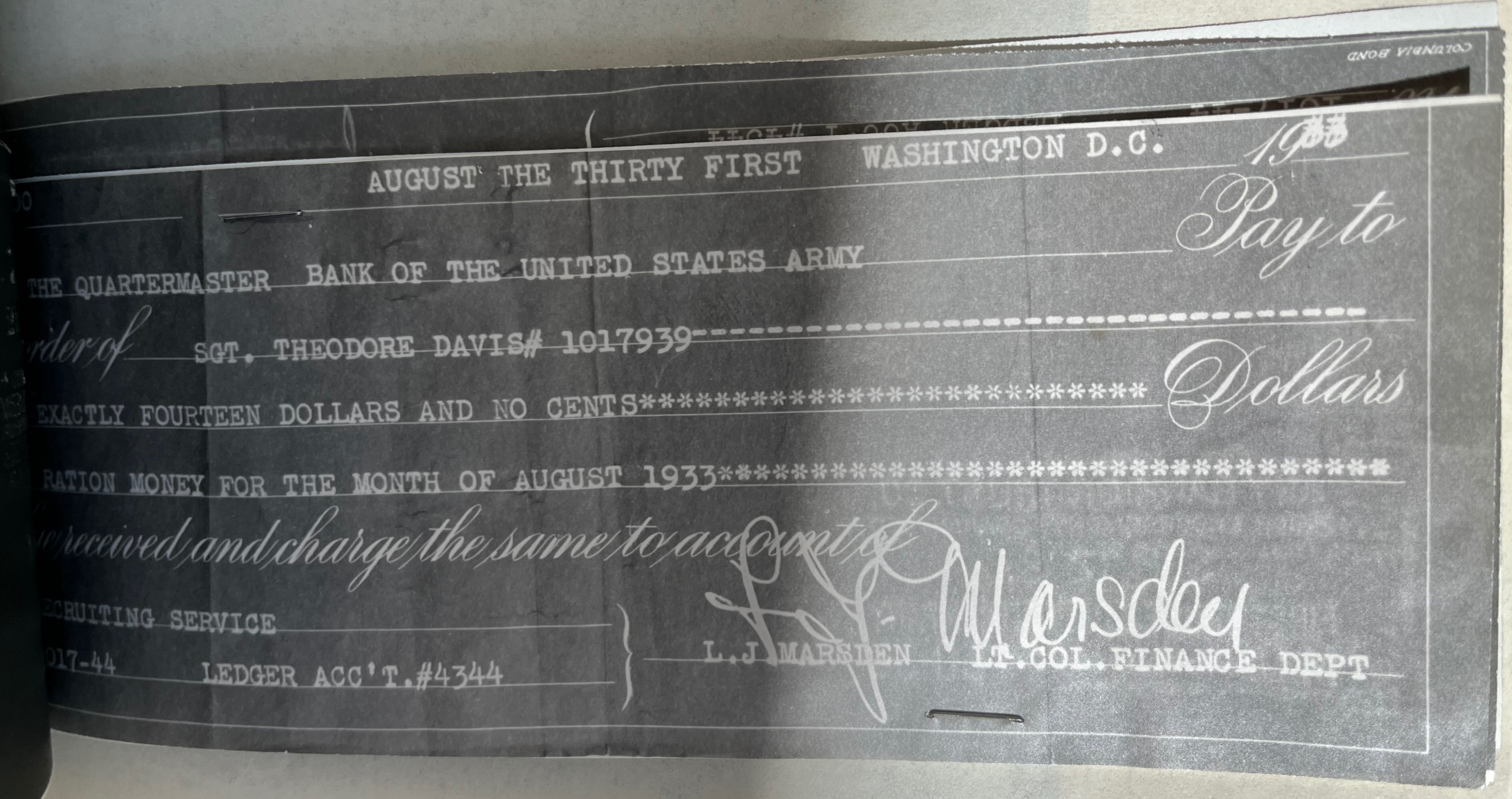

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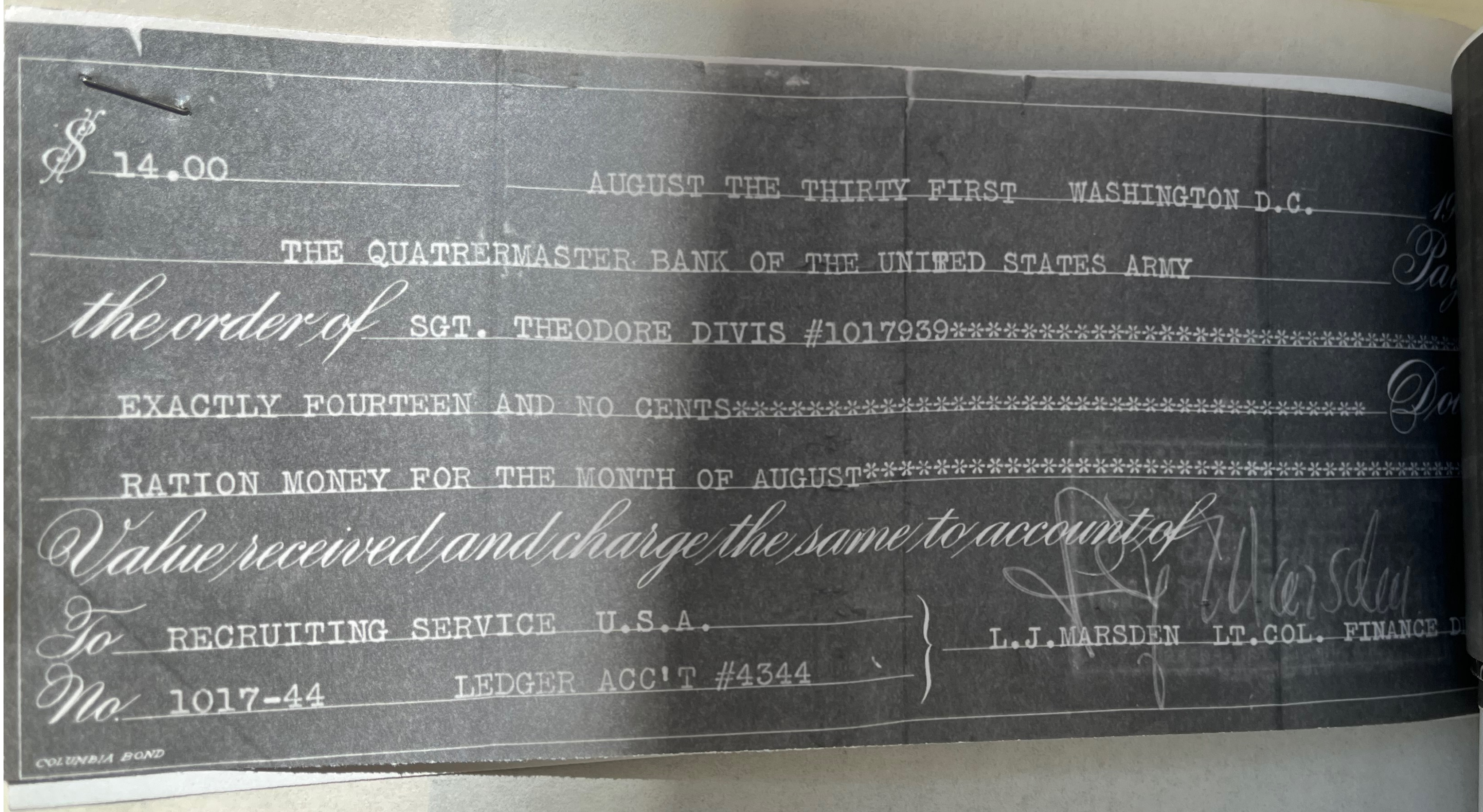

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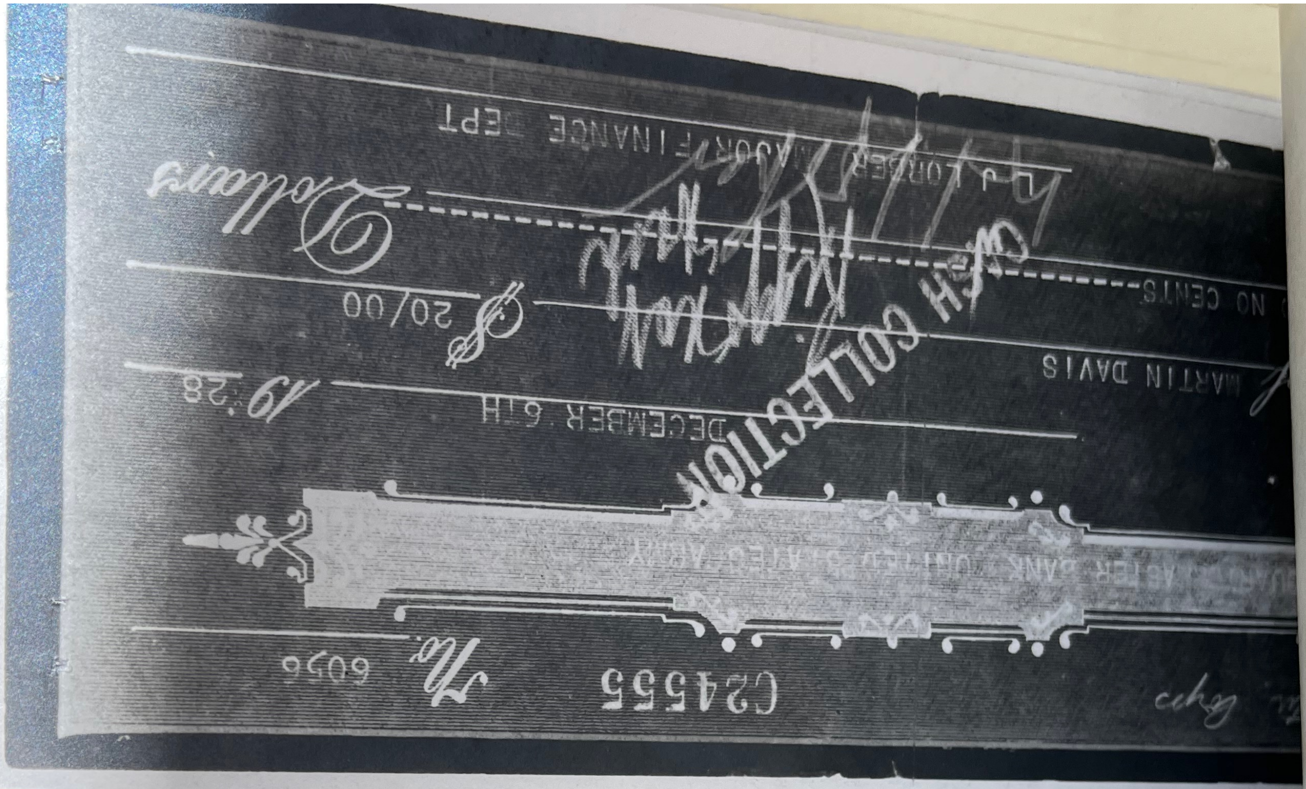

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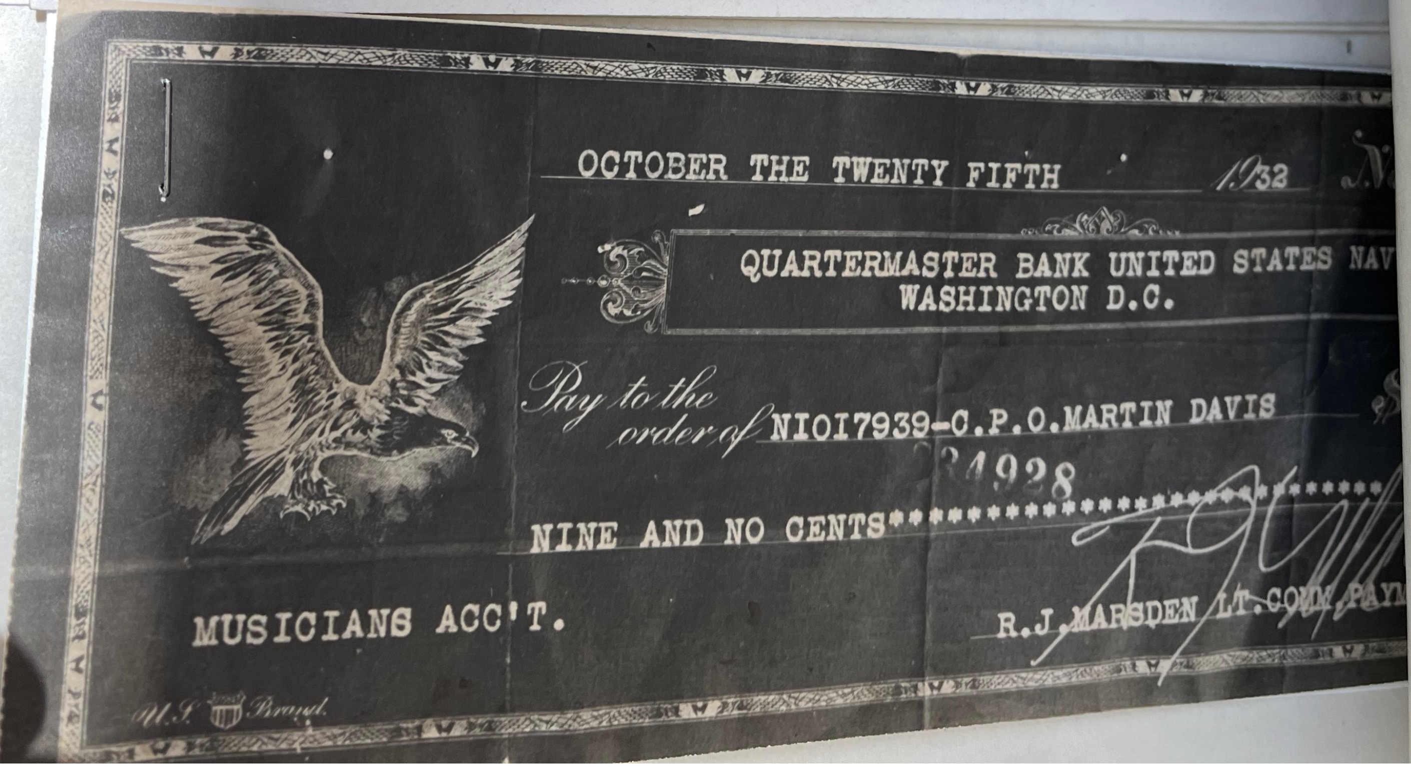

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WASHINGTON D.C.

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Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 514

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SECRET SERVICE DIVISION,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
RECEIVED
JAN 28 1930

Mr. W. H. Moran,
Chief, U.S.Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following special report covering summary of facts in case of United States vs Marvin Levinsohn, alias Joseph Witzel, in which permission is requested to dismiss charges. Reference is made to your letter of January 24, 1930.

Levinsohn, who was arrested in the Baltimore, Md. District, made a written confession in which he admitted that on February 12, 1929, he passed a falsely made Quartermaster Bank United States check, Fort Jay, N.Y. #766, in the amount of $19.00, payable for rations for January, 1929, purporting to be issued by L.J.McCarthy, Captain, Finance, Custodian of Funds, on one, Charles Hammersley, retail merchant at Jeffersonville, Ind. in the purchase of $5 in merchandise, receiving $14.00 in change. The facts were investigated at Jeffersonville, Indiana by Operative John M. Malley, Louisville, Ky. who forwarded the file to me, including written confession made by Levinsohn.

This office submitted the matter to the United States Attorney who presented same to the Federal Grand Jury at Indianapolis on September 10, 1929; Operative George A. Almoney of the Baltimore District and Charles Hammersley, Merchant at Jeffersonville, Ind. appared before the Grand Jury and Levinsohn was indicted. In the meantime, Levinsohn was removed to the New York District and this office was advised in letter dated November 26, 1929, from Principal Operative Alan G. Straight, attached herewith, that Levinsohn is now serving a sentence of ten years at hard labor, imposed on him by a military court martial.

In view of the heavy sentence given by the military court, I do not believe a detainer should be lodged against Levinsohn and suggest approval of the request to dismiss charges in this District.

Respectfully,

Charles Mazey

Operative in Charge.

Mr. Charles Mazey,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

Reference is made to the enclosed copy of letter of January 21, 1930, from the Assistant Attorney General, enclosing copy of letter dated January 17, 1930, from the United States Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana, requesting permission to dismiss indictment returned in the May, 1929, term charging Marvin Levinsohn, alias "Joseph Witzel", 4407, with forging a Government check in amount $19.

You are requested to submit to this office a special report in duplicate giving a summary of the facts in this case and any information you may have to offer as to the advisability of the proposed action.

Respectfully,

Chief.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Department transmits herewith a copy of a letter received from the United States Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana, of the 17th instant, and desires to inquire whether you have any objections to urge against the proposed dismissal of the indictment outstanding in his District, charging Marvin Levinsohn, alias Joseph Witzel, with forgery of a government obligation (Docket No. 4407)

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

(Signed) O. R. LUHRING

Assistant Attorney General.

Enc. #525280

Indianapolis, Ind., January 17, 1930.

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Re: United States vs. Marvin Levinsohn alias
Joseph Witzel, No. 4407.

An indictment was returned by the Grand Jury of this District at the May term, 1929, charging the defendant with having forced a check on the Quartermaster Bank of the United States Army, signed in the name L. J. McCarthy, Captain of Finance, said check being in the sum of $19.00.

I am now in receipt of a letter from Charles Mazey, an operative of the Secret Service in charge of the Indiana District, that ht has located this man and that he is now serving a sentence of ten years imposed upon him by a military court martial and is confined at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York, and that there is a possibility that he will be sent to some other military prison at some future date. Mr. Mazey requests directions as to whether a detainer should be filed.

I would respectfully represent to you, after considering the offense charged and the sentence imposed upon the defendant, which he is now serving, that the ends of public justice do not require that this case be held open and a detainer lodged against the defendant with a view to prosecution after he has served the present sentence, and I request permission of you to dismiss this case.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE R. JEFFREY

United States Attorney

GRJ:MK

May 18, 1929.

Mr. Joseph A. Palma,
Principal Operative,
Secret Service Division,
New York City.

Sir:

Under date of May 13th V. Walter Smith, 1st Lieutenant, 16th Infantry, Trial Judge Advocate, General Court Martial, Governors Island, New York, wrote this office requesting the original check (spurious) #6056, dated December 6, 1928, to the order of Martin Davis, for $20.00, and signed in typewriting L. J. Lorber, Major, Finance Department, and which check was passed on Harper T. Bean, proprietor of the Penn Norris Hotel, Norristown, Pennsylvania, by Marvin Levinsohn. The check is required foq the forthcoming court martial of Levinsohn. Lieutenant Smith was advised that the check was not in our possession, but we would endeavor to locate it. I am enclosing with this letter the check in question together with a copy of a report of Agent Houghton dated May 17th giving the names and addresses of witnesses who probably will be needed at the trial. You will have an Agent deliver this check to Lieutenant Smith with a copy of Agent Houghton's report with the understanding that it will be returned to you when it has served its purpose.

I am also enclosing a photostat of the check sent us by Lieutenant Smith which you can return to him.

Respectfully,

Chief.

JST/ASY

FIELD FORCE
DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

Philadelphia DISTRICT
Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 866

May 17th., 1929.

REC'D
MAY 18 1929
OFFICE OF CHIEF
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

Mr. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;-

As per your request of the 16th., enclosed herewith find the original spurious check passed on HARPER T. BEAN whoes address is now JEFFERSON AVE., JEFFERSONVILLE, PENNA., who would be pleased to appear as a witness and who stated that SAMUEL W. BURRIS 540 Barbadoes St., Norristown, Penna. was with him at the time the check was passed on him and he also can identify Levinsohn.

Respectfully,
Wm. H. Houghton
Operative in charge.

May 16, 1929.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I am enclosing photostat of a spurious check issued by one Marvin Levinsohn which he passed on H. T. Bean of the Penn Norris Hotel, Norristown, Pennsylvania, on December 8th last and which is the subject of your special report of December 14th, 1928. This office in receipt of a request from Lieutenant V. Walter Smith, 16th Infantry, Governors Island, New York, for the original check to be used at the court martial of Levinsohn. This check wasnever in the possession of this office. I am under the impression that it was returned through bank channels to Mr. Bean. You will locate this check and furnish this office with the name of the holder that he may be subpoenaed at the forthcoming trial. You will give this matter prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chief.

JST/ASY

May 16, 1929.

Mr. V. Walter Smith,
1st Lieutenant, 16th Infantry.
Governors Island, New York.

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Respectfully,

Chief.

JST/ASY

Mr. V. Walter Smith,
1st Lieutenant, 16th Infantry,
Governors Island, New York.

Sir:

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REC'D
MAY 15 1929
OFFICE OF CHIEF
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

TO : Hon. W.H.Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Department of Justice,
Treasury Dppartment,
Washington, D.C.

A man named Marvin Levinsohn passed some 28 spurious checks thruout the East and Middle West in December, 1928, and January and February, 1929, using some 25 different aliases.

This man is now in our custody, and is to be tried by General Court - Martial, for desertion, and for passing some of the checks.

One of these was passed to Mr. H.T.Bean, at the Penn Norris Hotel, Norristown, Pa., on December 8th, 1928.

It was dated Dec. 6th, 1928, numbered 6056, drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Army, made payable to "Martin Davis", in the amount to $20.00, and bore what purported to be the signature, above the words (typed) "L. J. Lorber, Major, Finance Dept."

It is understood that this was a matter of investigation by your office about Dec. 10th, and it is requested that, should the original of this check be on file in your office, you will forward same to me, to be used as prima-facie evidence - the "Corpus Delicti" - at the man's trial.

Photo-static copy of same is attached, for file in your office with your records as replacement of the original.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

V. Walter Smith
V. WALTER SMITH,
1st Lieutenant, 16th Infantry,
Trial Judge Advocate,
General Court Martial.

VWS

, 1929

746 Customhouse.

REC'D APR 15 1929

Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On April 2nd, 1929, the Federal Grand Jury at Newark, New Jersey, failed to indict MARVIN LEVINSOHN, who was arrested for fraudulently negotiating several checks drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, due to the fact that they did not consider the check in evidence to be a Government obligation. United States Attorney FORMAN, of the New Jersey Judicial District, then stated that LEVINSOHN would be held in Mercer County Jail at Trenton, New Jersey, until such time as the military authorities from Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York, took him into custody.

On April 5th, 1929, a squad of soldiers was sent to Mercer County Jail from Fort Jay, secured Prisoner LEVINSOHN and returned with him to the fort, where he is now confined awaiting court martial.

As soon as the military authorities have disposed of this matter by sentence or otherwise, a final report incorporating their decision will be submitted.

Respectfully,

Frank Burke

FRANK BURKE
Acting Principal Operative

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REC'D
FEB 26 1929
OFFICE OF CHIEF
SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

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Hon. W. H. Moran, Chief,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to the special report of Operative Smugai of the Saint Louis, Missouri, District, dated February 21st, 1929, and your reference thereon dated February 23rd, 1929, concerning the fraudulent negotiation of a check by MARVIN LEVINSOHN, recently apprehended in this District, you are advised that the spurious check to which Operative Smugai refers was not inclosed with his report upon its receipt at this office.

Respectfully,

FRANK BURKE
Acting Principal Operative

Feb. 26, 1929.

Referred to Oper. Jos. A. Palma, N.Y.C., with the information that the spurious check herein referred to was retained in this office inasmuch as same was passed in St. Louis district and it was assumed same would not be of interest in the New York district. File included original spurious checks passed in N.Y. The original spurious check passed in St. Louis is enclosed herewith anticipating the case may be disposed of by the Army.

Chief.

St.Louis,Mo.,February 21st 9.

REC'D FEB 23 1929 OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

In re: Spurious Check dated January 31, 1929, drawn on the Finance Department, U. S. Army, by L. J. McCARTHY, Captain, Finance Department, Custodian of Funds for Casual Company, to the order of MARTIN LEWIS, Pvt. First Class, in the sum of $14.00. This instrument negotiated by MARVIN LEVINSOHN, deserter, U. S. Army, Company "A", 16th Infantry, Ft. Jay, N. Y.

Lewis, Martin

MR. W. H. MORAN, CHIEF,
Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

I have the honor to submit the following report, supplemental to my special report to CHIEF under date of February 19, 1929, re subject matter:

The complete facts developed during our investigation of the negotiation of the check in question, are given in my special report submitted to CHIEF under date of February 19, 1929.

Today, February 21, 1929, MR. O. L. STURBOIS, Adjuster and Manager, Fraud Department, NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY, Surety Building, St. Louis, Mo., per agreement, surrendered to me the original spurious check in question, which was delivered to him late yesterday by the victim, SAM TUCKER, proprietor, JEFFERSON DRY GOODS STORE, No. 6 North Jefferson avenue, St. Louis, Mo. MR. STURBOIS stated that his firm made an adjustment in this case with MR. TUCKER, who holds a fraud policy with the company, and that subject check is no longer required by them.

The presentation of subject matter to the United States Attorney in St. Louis, Mo., for consideration, will be deferred pending advice from CHIEF'S OFFICE and the outcome of the MARVIN LEVINSOHN matter in Baltimore, Md., where LEVINSOHN was apprehended, according to a telegram from PRINCIPAL OPERATIVE JOSEPH A. PALMA of New York, N. Y.

Am submitting herewith report in triplicate, together with the original spurious check in question, which was surrendered to this office today by the NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY, St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. SMUGAI,
Operative in Temporary Charge.

Inclosures.
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MR. W. H. MORAN, CHIEF,
United States Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

I have the honor to submit the following special report of the investigation made here in re subject matter:

February 16, 1929, received at this office from CHIEF, the file in subject matter, which consisted of a photostatic copy of the check in question; original letter dated February 12, 1929, addressed to the Chief, Finance Department, U. S. Army, by MAJOR E. T. COMEGYS, Finance Department, re subject check; copy of special report submitted to CHIEF by the Philadelphia, Pa., Office under date of December 14, 1928; copy of special report submitted by PRINCIPAL OPERATIVE JOSEPH A. PALMA, New York, N. Y., dated January 28, 1929; original special report to CHIEF by PRINCIPAL OPERATIVE THOMAS J. CALLAGHAN, Chicago, Ill., under date of February 12, 1929, re activities of MARVIN LEVINSOHN, alias MARVIN DAVIS, alias IRVING KAUFMAN, etc., negotiator of bogus checks drawn on the QUARTERMASTER BANK, United States Army; and, other data pertaining to aforesaid deserter and swindler.

February 16, 1929, upon receipt of the file, called at THE FRANKLIN-AMERICAN TRUST CO., St. Louis, Mo., where I discussed subject matter with MR. F. WM. WIBBING, Ass't. Treasurer. MR. WIBBING produced records of the bank, which revealed that subject check was deposited February 7, 1929, together with other money and checks, totalling $44.20, to the credit of THE JEFFERSON DRY GOODS CO., No. 6 North Jefferson ave., St. Louis, Mo., SAM TUCKER, proprietor. Immediately called at aforesaid dry goods firm and met ERWIN TUCKER, son to the proprietor, and was advised that his father, SAM TUCKER, who handled the transaction, was confined to his home on account of illness, but was expected to resume his duties at the store to-morrow(February 17, 1929,) or the following day. ERWIN TUCKER was unable to furnish any data, other than they had been called on to make re-imbursement to the bank in lieu of the check; and that his fathe had mentioned to him(ERWIN TUCKER)that the check was received from a "Jewish boy".

February 17, 1929, during the forenoon, called again at THE JEFFERSON DRY GOODS CO., where I discussed subject matter with SAM TUCKER, proprietor. MR. TUCKER stat that the check in question was tendered to him about 7-30 or 8-00 o'clock p. m., February 6, 1929, by a "Jewish lad" wearing an army uniform, in payment for an infants bath-robe, "Beacon make", blue in color, and, an infants sweater, white with blue or pink stripes, total amount of purchase $2.00; that the presenter of the check advised him(MR. TUCKER)that the articles were for his sister's new born baby in Denver or some other place in Colorado; and that he(the presenter)was stationed at the Jefferson Barracks in the county.

MR. TUCKER further stated that the man in question had remained in the store for almost one hour, discussing general topics; that they talked "Jewish" as well as English at times; that he called the presenter's attention to the irregularity of the figures on the check, which figures can be taken for "44"; and the presenter stated the check was issued to him in the sum of $14.00, and not $44.00, and which he(the presenter)termed it as a "Typographical Error". MR. TUCKER, therefore, took it for granted that the check was good and accepted same, which check he(MR. TUCKER)deposited at THE FRANKLIN-AMERICAN TRUST CO., this city, as related heretofore. MR. TUCKER described the individual as being 25 to 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, 135 to 145 pounds weight, dark hair and complexion, pimples on face, smooth shaven, long thin face and nose, slender build, wearing an army uniform and an army cap. MR. TUCKER was unable to recall whether the uniform bore any insignias, etc., but stated that he would be able to identify the presenter of subject check.

The original subject check was returned to MR. TUCKER by the bank officials. is still in possession of same, and requested that he be able to retain said check for several days in order that he may take the matter up with THE NATIONAL SURETY CO., Surety Building, 4th and Olive streets, St. Louis, Mo., as they hold a fraud policy with said firm, which policy covers forged and bogus checks. Communicated with C. L. STURDOIS, manager, NATIONAL SURETY CO., this city, and he said that he would turn the check over to this office as soon as they received and straightened the matter up with MR. TUCKER. When theoriginal check is delivered to this office, same will be transmitted to CHIEF with a supplemental special report.

Pursuant to instructions contained in CHIEF's telegram of even date, am retu ing herewith the complete file in the MARVIN LEVINSOHN spurious check case, toget with report in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. [illegible],
Operative in Temporary Charge.

Inclosures.

Feb. 21, 1929.

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DIVISION OF SECRET SERVICE

SAINT LOUIS DISTRICT

Address: P. O. Lock Box No. 606.

St. Louis, Mo., February 19, 1929.

REC'D FEB 21 1929

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Respectfully submitted,
Leo A. Smugai
LEO A. SMUGAI,
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Inclosures.

Feb. 21, 1929.

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Chief.

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February 19, 1929

Mr. Bartholomew Bratton,
Operative in Charge,
Secret Service Division,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Davis, Martin

Sir:

I note in your report for Saturday, February 16, a telegram you addressed to Operative Joseph A. Palma, advising him of the arrest of Marvin Levinsohn, but fail to find that you notified this office of the arrest, and am wondering why you did not do so. It is quite important that this office be kept advised in matters of this character as you may not be aware of the steps we are taking to apprehend fugitives or persons charged with offenses under the statutes. Operative Palma had wired this office yesterday for the file in the Levinsohn case. It had been forwarded to Operative Smugai at Saint Louis, where the check had been passed. This case also had been the subject of inquiry at Philadelphia and Chicago.

See to it hereafter that this office is kept promptly advised of all matters of importance.

Respectfully,

Chief.

44 Chicago, Illinois, Feb. 12, 1929.

REC'D FEB 14 1929 OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

W. H. Moran, Esq.,
Chief, U. S. Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following Special Report covering investigation by Special Employe Clark relative to bogus checks drawn on the Quartermaster's Bank, U. S. Army, negotiated by one MARVIN LEVINSOHN, now a deserter from Company A, 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, New York; supplementary to Operative Palma's Special Report of January 28th, 1929:

"I called at the Police Department, where I arranged for a "police flier" to be sent out giving the description of Levinsohn. I also called at all of the hotels in the downtown section of Chicago, giving the clerks a description of this man, and requesting them to notify this office in the event he shows up. I also called at the American Legion, and the First Division Society, warning them to be on the lookout for this man, which they promised to do. I also took the same action at the Main Recruting Station downtown, and they agreed to notify all of their sub-recruiting stations in this District should Levinsohn put in his appearance."

I am returning the file in this case herewith, and am sending a copy of this report to the New York Office. Should Levinsohn show up here, he will be promptly apprehended, and all concerned notified.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Callaghan.

Principal Operative.

Feb. 14, 1929.

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Referred to Oper. Leo A. Smugai, St. Louis, with instructions to continue investigation. Enclosing file.

Chief.

REC'D DEC 15 1928

Subject: Spurious Government check drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Army.

Mr. W. H. Moran,
Chief, Secret Service Division,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit this report in reference to spurious Government check drawn on the Quartermaster Bank, United States Army, numbered 6056 and issued December 6, 1928, in favor of Martin Davis, for the sum of $20.00, L. J. Lorber, Major Finance Department, issuing officer, the investigation of same being requested in your letter of December 13, 1928.

Mr. H. T. Bean, proprietor of the Penn Norris Hotel, located directly opposite the Reading Company Railroad Station in Norristown, Pa., cashed subject check on Saturday, December 8, 1928, about 5 P. M. and deposited same under date of December 10, 1928, to his checking account at the Peoples National Bank in Norristown. Mr. Bean stated the person who represented himself as Martin Davis called at his hotel and inquired whether or not a family by the name of McGoldrick, who formerly lived on Cherry Street, Norristown, were living there, and on being told they had an apartment there, Martin advised he was desirous of renting a room at this hotel for one week, tendering the check in question and receiving $14.00 in cash as his change, the room costing $6.00 per week. Mr. Bean did not request any identification but cashed the check on the strength of Martin Davis stating he was acquainted with the McGoldrick family. Davis was attired in an army uniform, did not have any baggage and stated he had checked same in Philadelphia and would go there Sunday for same. Davis remained at the hotel Saturday night and left Sunday morning about Noon, which is the last time he saw him. Mr. Bean did ask Davis, however, where he received subject check and he stated they have a fund in their company and each time he received his salary check he would deposit a certain portion of this check in this fund and when he got a leave of absence he would withdraw the money he had deposited and subject check was the amount of money he had deposited since his last leave of absence.

Then called at the McGoldrick apartment, where I interviewed Mrs. McGoldrick and her son John. They advised that Davis called on them Saturday evening, told them he is attached to Company "A" 16th Infantry, at present located at Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York, and that he is acquainted with William (Bill) McGoldrick, attached to the same Company, who requested him to call on them should he ever get to Norristown. During the conversation they had with Davis he stated that he is a doctor and does xray work in this Company; that he is known as "Doc" in the Company; that he is of Jewish descent; that he has been in the Army for the last eight years and was transferred to Governors Island about eight months ago; that he has a brother in the same Company and that two of his sister's live in Allentown, Pa., but does not visit them often as they are both wealthy and do not care for him. Mrs.

stated her son is attached to this Company and is at present located at Fort Jay, and works as a cook, and further stated that Davis accompanied her daughter, together with another couple, to a moving picture show in Norristown Saturday evening, that they returned immediately after the show, Davis retiring to his room, and that is the last time she saw him.

The following description was given to me by Mr. Bean and Mrs. McGoldrick of Davis: 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, 140 pounds in weight, slender build, has dark brown hair and eyes, has a medium dark complexion, is clean shaven, has a prominent nose and was sort of round shouldered, wore a regular army uniform, army overcoat and cap, tan shoes and had the insignia of Company "A" 16th Infantry on the sleeve of his uniform; that he talked very slowly and had sort of a lisp in his speech and appeared to be rather nervous.

The photostat copy of subject check, together with your letter and a copy of this report, are being forwarded direct to Operative Palma, New York, in order that he can further investigate this matter immediately.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Arnold

Frank B. Arnold
Operative in Temporary Charge

December 13, 1928.

Mr. William H. Houghton,
Operative, Secret Service Division,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Find enclosed herewith photostat copy of a spurious Government check which came through the Riggs National Bank of Washington yesterday and was presented at the Quartermaster Office for payment. There is no such bank nor is there any Officer named L. J. Lorber connected with the Finance Department or authorized to sign checks. This check was cashed by the Penn Norris Hotel, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Make the necessary investigation.

Respectfully,

Chief.

JST/ASY

December 13, 1928

Chief of Finance,
Washington, D.C.

1. Enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a draft presented to this office on December 12th by the Riggs National Bank and signed by L.J. Lorber, Major Finance Department.

2. An examination of the Army Directory disclosed no such Major under the Finance Department nor does the office of the Quartermaster General know of any such activity as the Quartermaster Bank, U1S. Army. This office refused to honor this draft and the undersigned took the account up personally, with the Riggs National Bank, stating that there was no such officer as L.J.Lorber, Finance Department and apparently no such departmental activity as the Quartermaster Bank, U.S. Army. The Riggs National Bank kindly permitted the photostatic copy to be made.

3. There was also presented by the American Security and Trust Company another document, a sight draft, drawn by Samuel B. Burnham for three dollars ($3.00) payable to the First National Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. on the Quartermaster Corps. The undersigned is this date writing the First National Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. for a photostatic copy of this draft.

For the Finance Officer:

E.T. Comegys,
Major, Finance Department.

December 13, 1928

First National Trust & Savings Bank,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

There was returned to you by the American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D.C. under date of December 12, 1928, a sight draft by S.B. Burnham for three dollars ($3.00).

It is requested that you furnish this office, if possible, a photostatic copy of the draft and a copy of the special orders attached to the draft. This is in order that these papers may be turned over to the Department of Justice.

Please bill the undersigned the expenses incurred in making the requested photostatic copy.

Respectfully,

E.T.Comegys,
Major, Finance Department.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—14117

February 19, 1929.

Leo J. Smugai,
Custom House,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Forward to this office at once file in Marvin Levinsohn spurious check case forwarded from this office February fourteenth.

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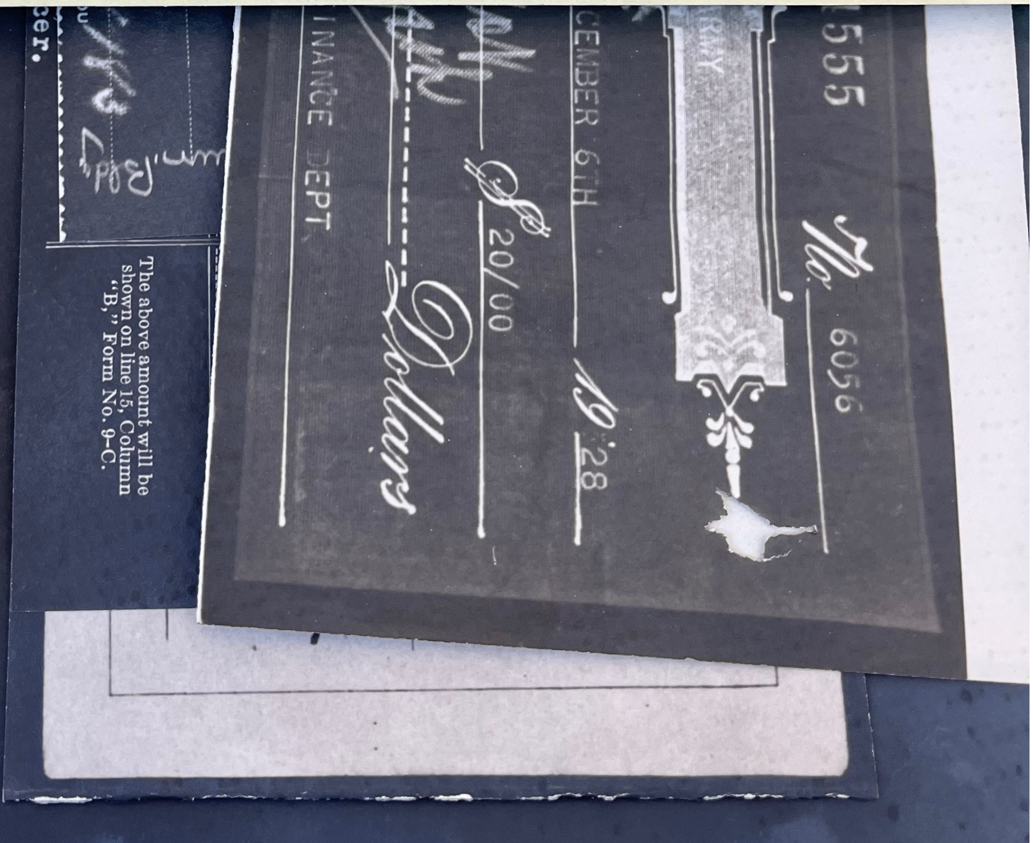

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Dollars

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The above amount will be shown on line 15, Column "B," Form No. 9-C.

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RECD FEB 18 1929

WMH MORAN
WASHINGTON DC

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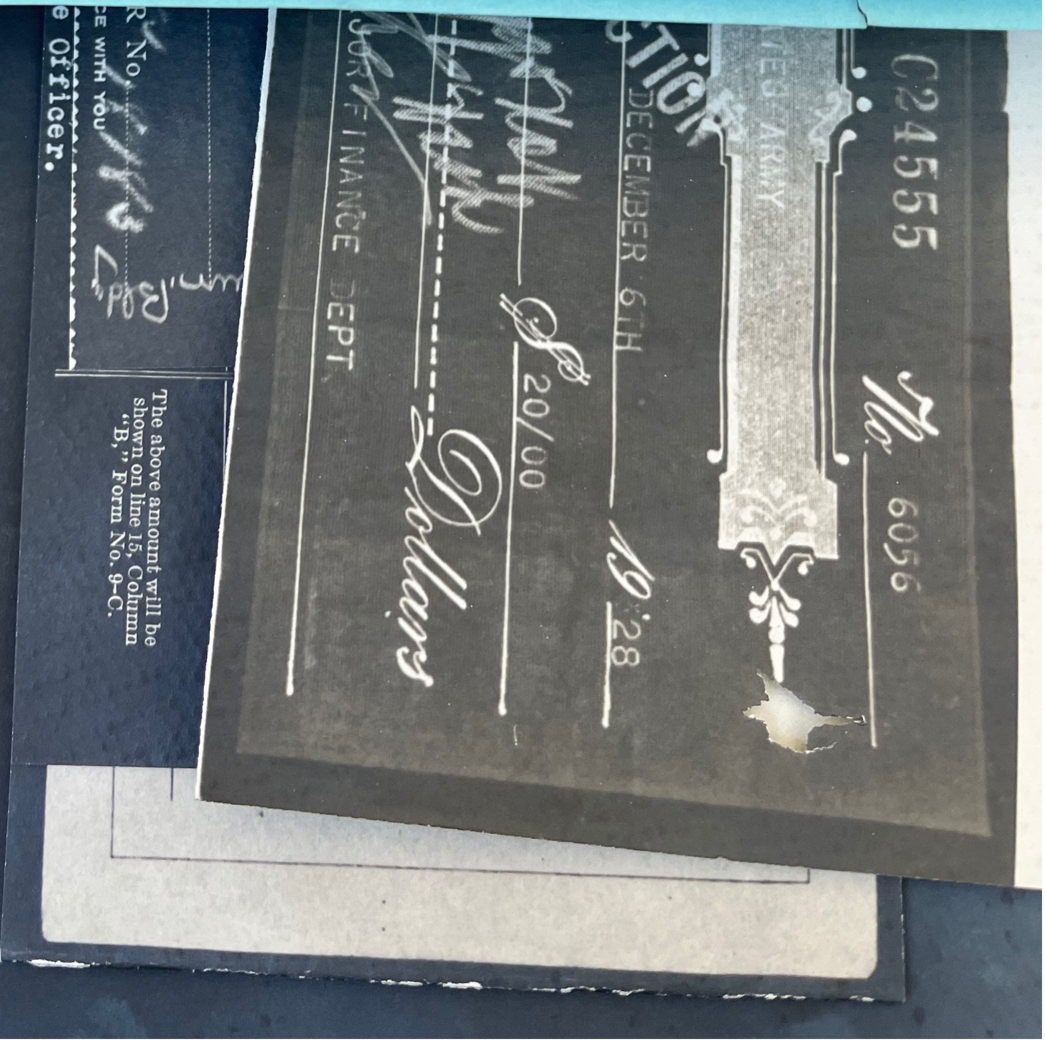

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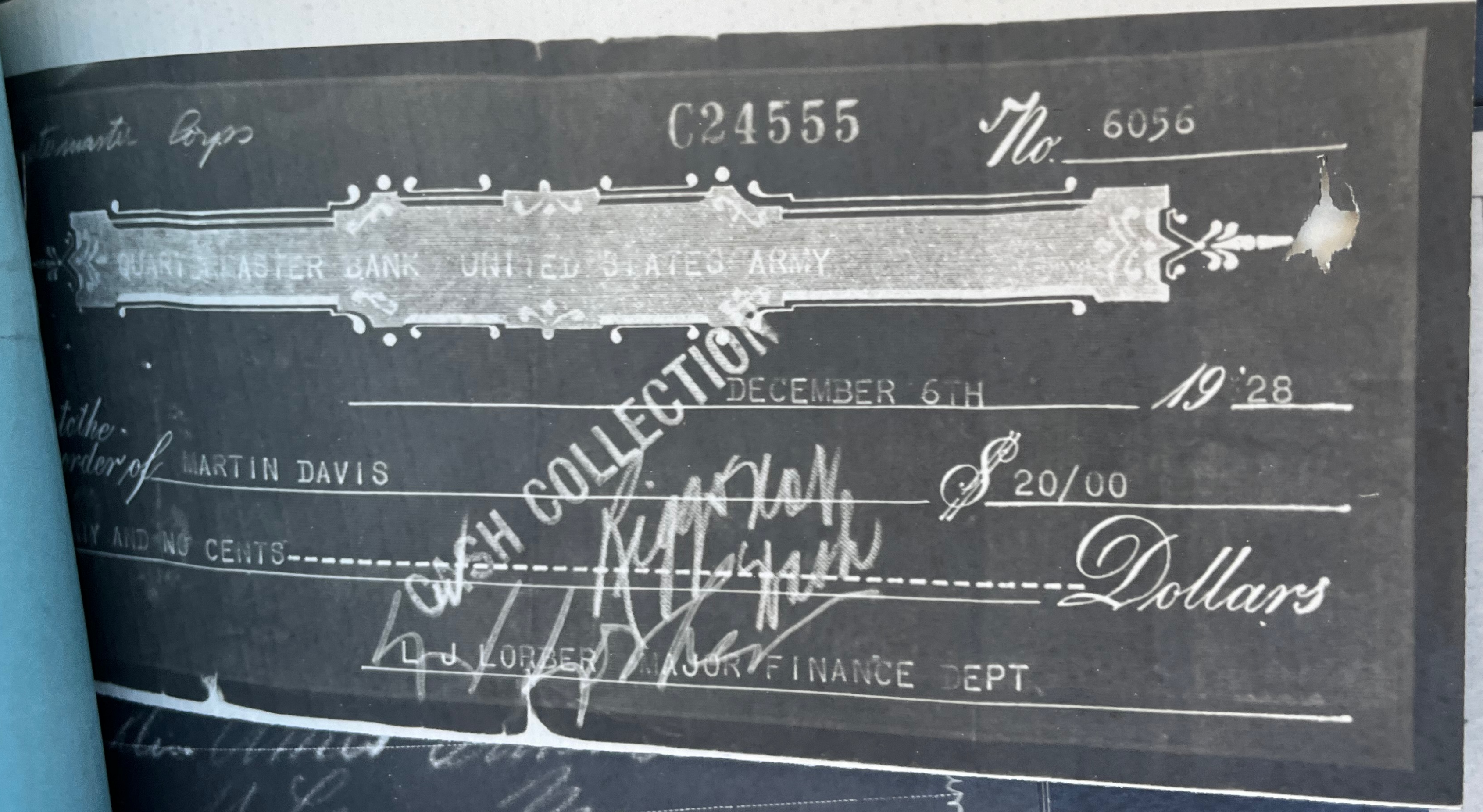

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QUARTERMASTER BANK UNITED STATES ARMY

CASH COLLECTION

DECEMBER 6TH 1928

to the order of MARTIN DAVIS $20/00

TY AND NO CENTS Dollars

L J LORBER MAJOR FINANCE DEPT

St Louis Mo

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THEIR No. 18183

EASE CALL AT BANK BEFORE THREE O'CLOCK AND BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU

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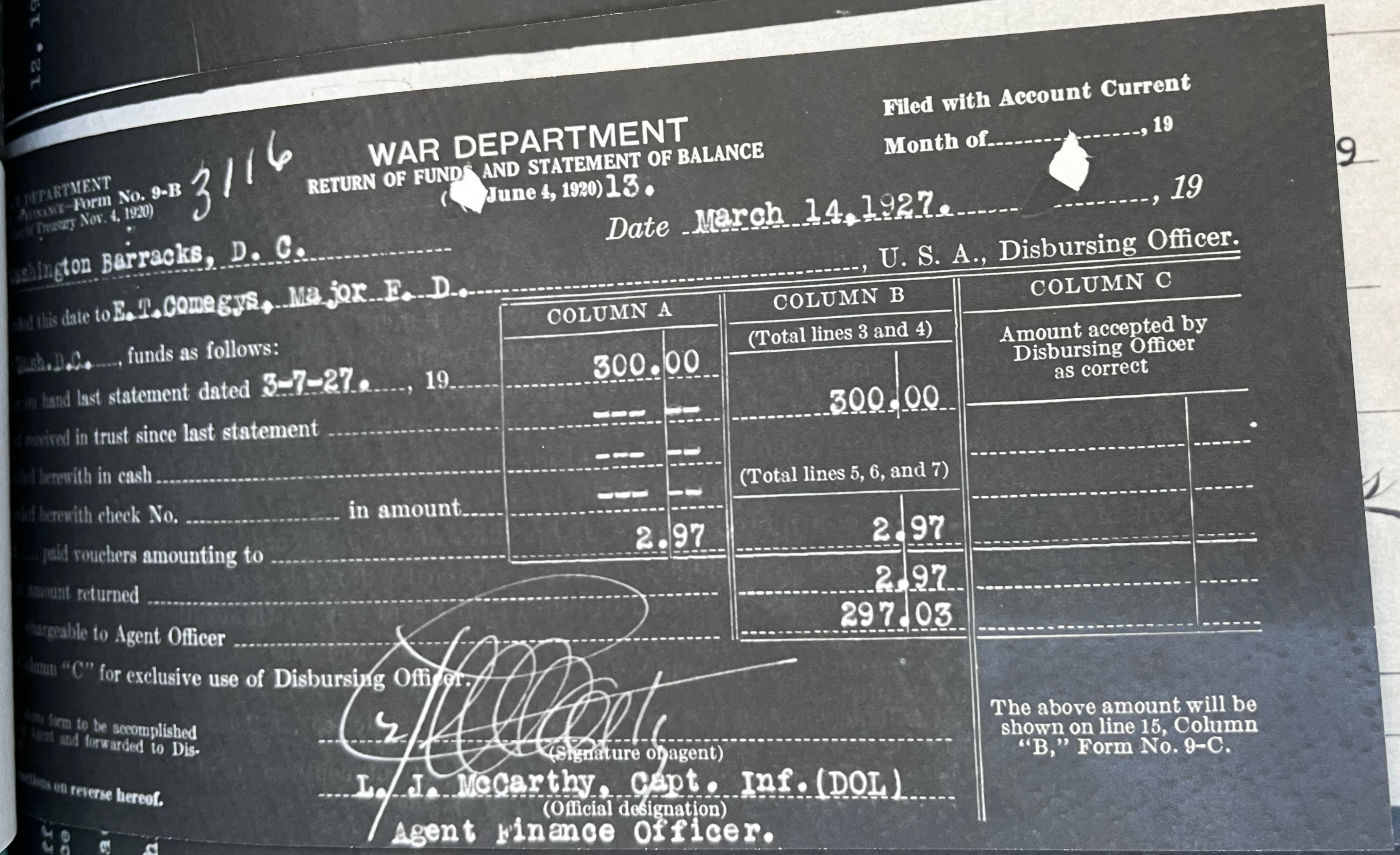
/ Agent Finance Officer.



DEPARTMENT
—Form No. 9-B 3116
Treasury Nov. 4, 1920)

WAR DEPARTMENT
RETURN OF FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF BALANCE
(June 4, 1920) 13.

Filed with Account Current
Month of , 19

Date March 14, 1927. , 19

ashington Barracks, D. C.

, U. S. A., Disbursing Officer.

this date to E. T. Comegys, Major F. D.

sh. D.C. , funds as follows:

	COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
		(Total lines 3 and 4)	Amount accepted by Disbursing Officer as correct
on hand last statement dated 3-7-27. , 19	300.00		
received in trust since last statement	--- --	300.00	
herewith in cash	--- --		
herewith check No. in amount	--- --	(Total lines 5, 6, and 7)	
paid vouchers amounting to	2.97	2.97	
amount returned		2.97	
chargeable to Agent Officer		297.03	

Column "C" for exclusive use of Disbursing Officer.

form to be accomplished and forwarded to Dis-

on reverse hereof.

(Signature of agent)

L. J. McCarthy, Capt. Inf. (DOL)
(Official designation)
Agent Finance Officer.

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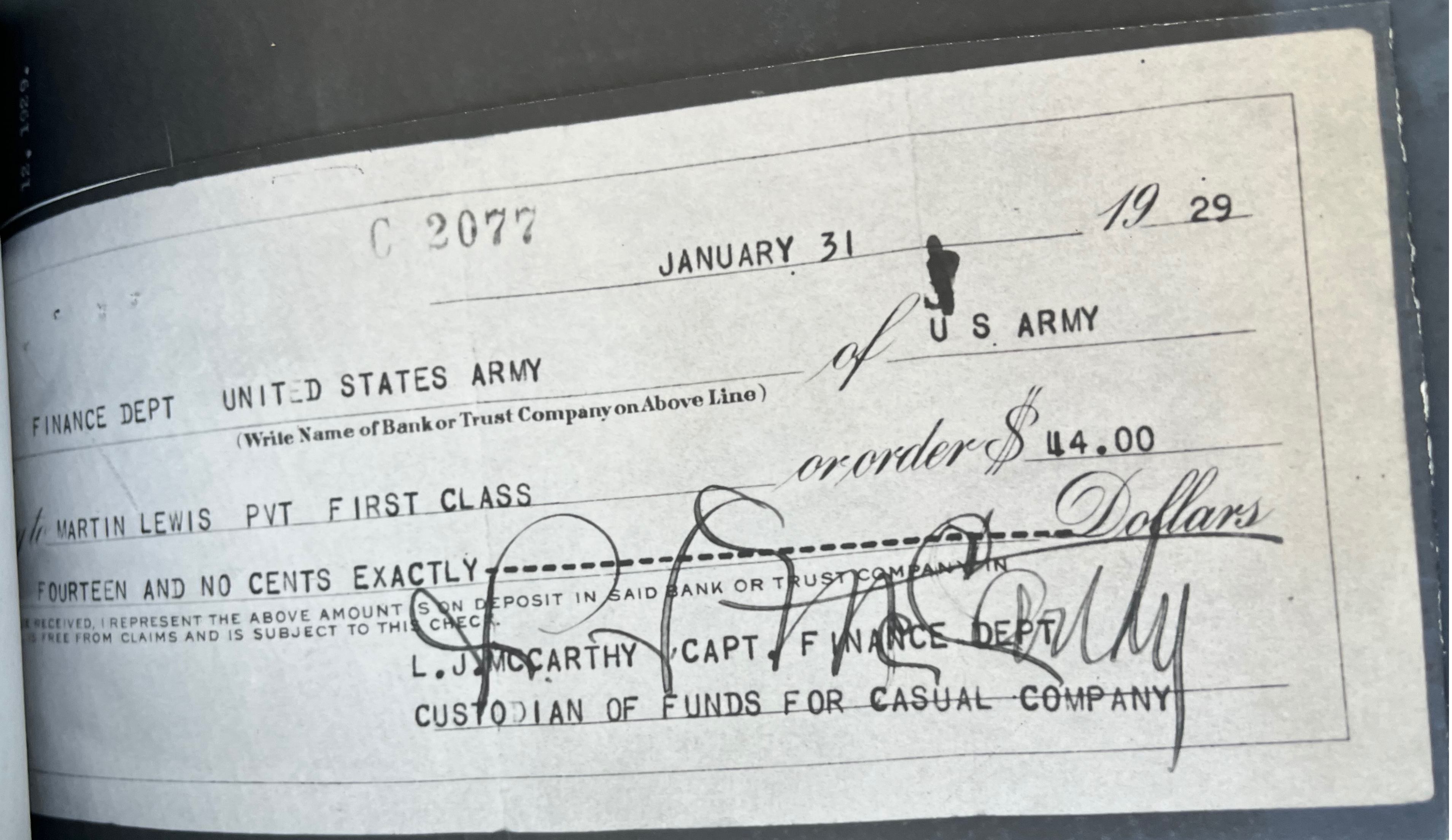

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JANUARY 31 1929

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FINANCE DEPT UNITED STATES ARMY

(Write Name of Bank or Trust Company on Above Line)

to MARTIN LEWIS PVT FIRST CLASS or order $14.00

FOURTEEN AND NO CENTS EXACTLY-- Dollars

RECEIVED, I REPRESENT THE ABOVE AMOUNT IS ON DEPOSIT IN SAID BANK OR TRUST COMPANY IN
IS FREE FROM CLAIMS AND IS SUBJECT TO THIS CHECK.

L J McCarthy

L. J. McCARTHY CAPT. FINANCE DEPT
CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS FOR CASUAL COMPANY

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PRIOR ENDORSEMENTS GUARANTEED
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OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

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War Department, Office of Chief of Finance, Washington, February 12, 1929.

To: Secret Service. Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

1. For such action as may be deemed necessary.

For the Chief of Finance:

A H Brown

A. H. BROWN,
Major, Finance Department.

2 Incls.
Form No. 9-b.
Photostatic copy.

IN REPLY REFER TO

February 12, 1929

FEB 12 1929

Subject: Photostat copy draft, Finance Dept.

To: The Chief of Finance, U.S. Army,
Washington, D.C.

1. There is enclosed herewith photostatic copy, face and reverse, of a draft on the Finance Department, U.S.A. by L.J. McCarthy, Captain, F.D. and presented by the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D.C. to this office February 11th. Payment was refused.

2. The Army List and Directory discloses no Captain of the Finance Department by the name of McCarthy. There is, however, an officer on duty at Fort Jay, New York, by that name.

3. The signature of this officer is also enclosed herewith.

For the Finance Officer:

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E.T. Comegys,
Major, Finance Department.

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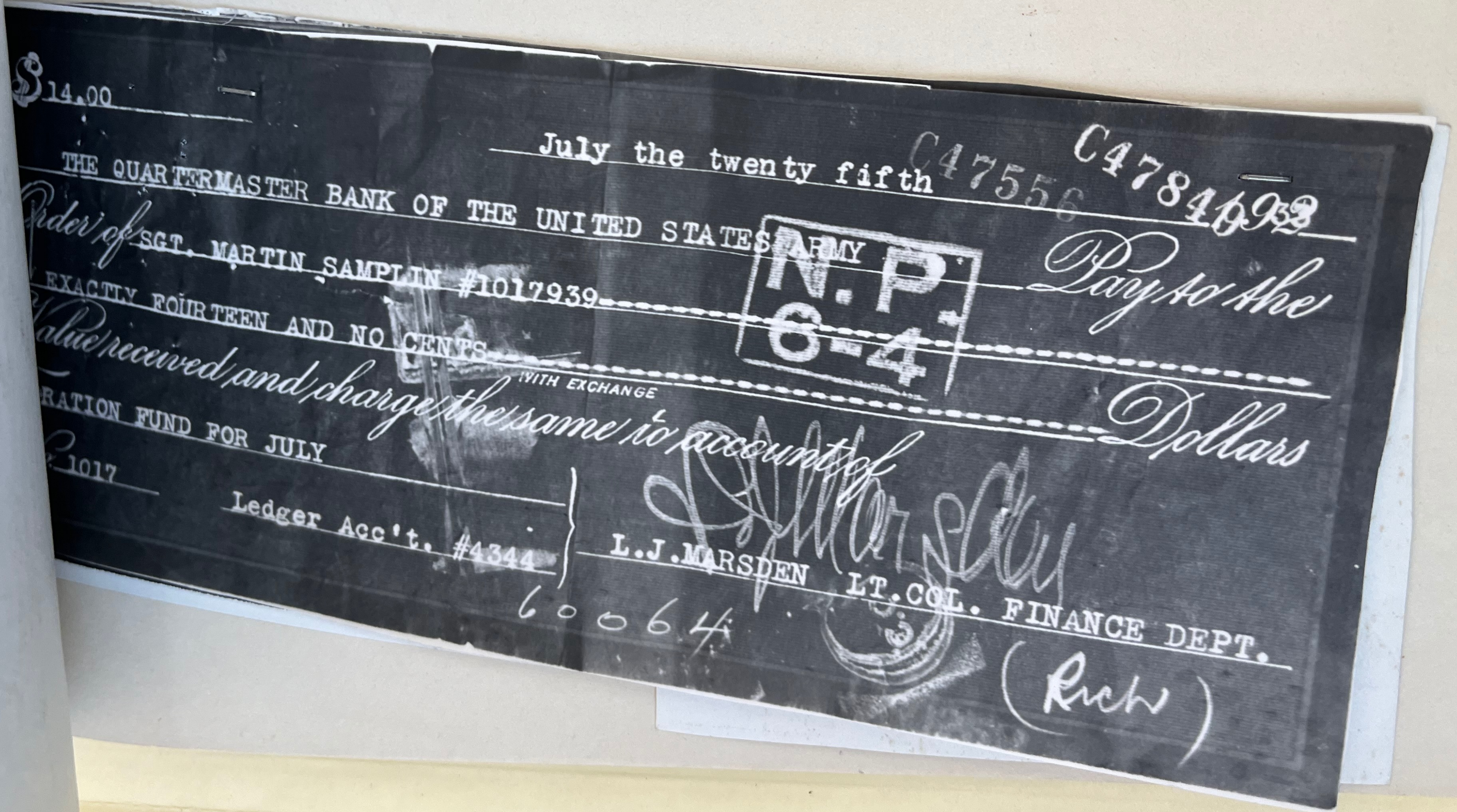

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THE QUARTERMASTER BANK OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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Pay to the Order of SGT. MARTIN SAMPLIN #1017939

EXACTLY FOURTEEN AND NO CENTS Dollars

WITH EXCHANGE

Value received and charge the same to account of

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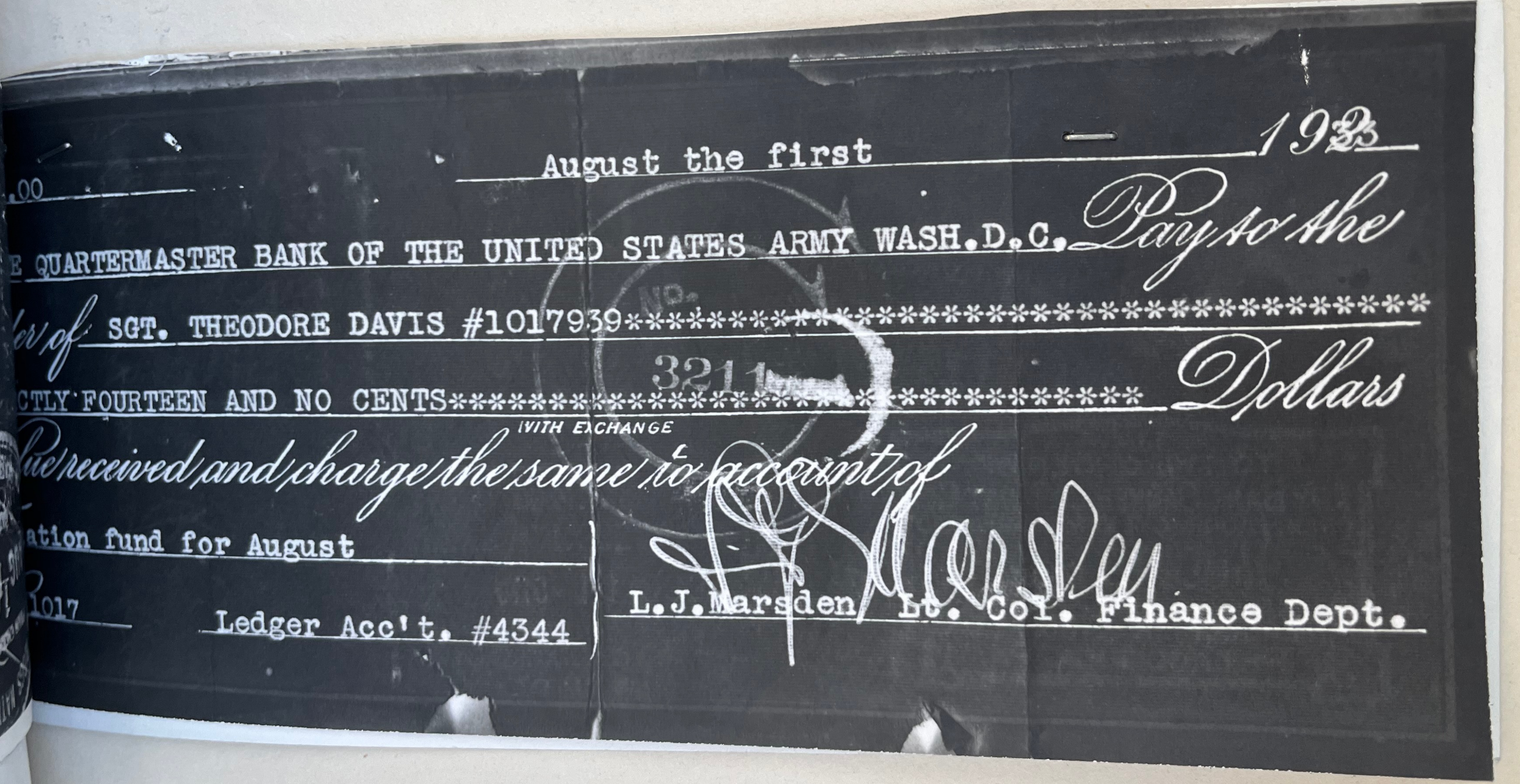

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L.J.Marsden Lt. Col. Finance Dept.

Quartermaster General's Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, Sept. 20th., the enclosed check was presented to me by a young man who purchased goods to the amount of $5.00. The goods consisted of two linen luncheon cloths, and as they were slightly crumpled, I volunteered to have them laundered, and he said he would call for them the next day.

He gave me this check, I gave him $9.00 in cash. I had never seen the man, but as it was a government check, I assumed it was all right.

The man has not appeared, and I have therefore good reason to believe that the check is not valid, and this seems to be the opinion of those to whom I have shown the check.

Cul 901 Davis – Theodore

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Pay to

QUARTERMASTER BANK OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

us ck No.1017-44 Sgt Theodore Davis - payee
by Marvin Leminsohn, Syracuse on Sept 12/33.
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